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Office of the Minister

JUL 0 2 2013 Danny Splettstosser, Secretary Pockwock Wind GP, Ltd. 4845 Pearl East Circle, Suite 200, Boulder, Colorado 80301, USA

Dear Mr. Splettstosser:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Whynotts Community Wind Project Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia

The environmental assessment of the proposed Whynotts Community Wind Project in Lunenburg County has been completed.

This is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 40 of the *Environment Act,* S.N.S., 1994-95 and subsection 13(1)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations,* N.S. Reg. 348/2008, made under the Act.

Following a review of the information provided by Whynotts Wind Limited Partnership, and the information provided during the government and public consultation of the environmental assessment, I am satisfied that any adverse effects or significant environmental effects of the undertaking can be adequately mitigated through compliance with the attached terms and conditions.

This approval is valid for Turbine 1 only. Relocation of Turbine 2 will require consultation with Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Wildlife Division regarding wetland proximity, and Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) regarding noise, setbacks, ice throw and shadow flicker. Final locations must be approved by NSE and DNR. If required conditions cannot be met, Turbine 2 will not be approved.

This approval is subject to any other approvals required by statute or regulation, including but not limited to, approval under Part V of the Nova Scotia *Environment Act* (Approvals and Certificates section).

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact the Acting Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ms. Helen MacPhail at (902) 424-3960 or via email at <u>macphafh@gov.ns.ca</u>

Sincerely,

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