

December 30, 2010

Tom Bird
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Dear Mr. Bird,

**Conestogo Wind Energy Centre
Confirmation of the Natural Heritage Assessment – O. Reg 359/09**

In accordance with S. 28 (1) and (2) and S. 38 (2) of the Ministry of the Environment's Renewable Energy Approval Regulation (O.Reg.359/09), the Ministry of Natural Resources has reviewed the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study for the proposed Conestogo Wind Energy Centre in the Townships of Mapleton and Wellington North in Wellington County submitted by Terry Rasmussen of Genivar on behalf of NextEra Energy Canada on December 17, 2010.

After reviewing your natural heritage assessment, the MNR provides the following confirmations:

1. The MNR confirms that the determination of the existence of natural features and the boundaries of natural features was made using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
2. The MNR confirms that the site investigation and records review were conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR, if no natural features were identified.
3. The MNR confirms that the evaluation of the significance or provincial significance of the natural features was conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
4. The MNR confirms that the project location is not in a provincial park or conservation reserve.
5. The MNR confirms that the environmental impact assessment report has been prepared in accordance with procedures established by the MNR.

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This confirmation letter is valid for the project as proposed in the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study, including those sections describing the Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan and Construction Plan Report. Should any changes be made to the proposed project that would alter the NHA, MNR may need to undertake additional review of the NHA.

Where specific commitments have been made by the applicant in the NHA with respect to project design, construction, rehabilitation, operation, mitigation, or monitoring, MNR expects that these commitments will be considered in MOE's Renewable Energy Approval decision and, if approved, be implemented by the applicant.

As described in S. 12 (1) of the Renewable Energy Approval Regulation, you must include this letter as part of your application to the Ministry of the Environment for a renewable energy approval.

If you wish to discuss any part of this confirmation or additional comments provided, please contact April Nix, Planning Intern with Guelph District at 519-826-4939 or april.nix@ontario.ca

Sincerely,



for Ian Hagman,
District Manager, Guelph District
Ministry of Natural Resources

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