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Dear Justin,

As follow up to our discussion and meeting on February 12, 2010, after careful review, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) will provide the following renewable energy projects with a one-time exception detailed below based on the amount of environmental approval work completed to-date, the outcome of the Feed-in Tariff Launch Program contract awards, and the input and agreement of our colleagues at the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC):

- FIT-FBN77QW: McLean's Mountain Wind L.P. (Northland Power) – McLean's Mountain Wind Farm 1
- FIT-FA8YIXK: McLean's Mountain Wind L.P. (Northland Power) – McLean's Mountain Wind Farm 3
- FIT-FAZ63MR: Capital Power GP Holdings Inc. – Port Dover and Nanticoke Wind Project
- FIT-FCX557W: Summerhaven Wind, LP (NextEra) – Summerhaven Wind Energy Centre
- FIT-FU99SSX: Conestogo Wind LP (NextEra) - Conestogo Wind Energy Centre
- FIT-FF91BT0: Invenergy Wind Canada ULC – Conestogo Wind Energy Centre 1
- FIT-FL69V8J: Invenergy Wind Canada ULC – Conestogo Wind Energy Centre 2
- FIT-FFI4GC2: Gilead Power Corporation – Ostrander Point Wind Energy Park
- FIT-F1T6SPV: Big Thunder Wind Park LP – Big Thunder Beta Windpark

Exception

MOE has advised that it will accept renewable energy approval (REA) applications for the above projects in advance of the proponents having completed a Stage 2 archaeological assessment. The conditions upon which this exception is being granted are as follows:

Conditions

The proponents must have completed a Stage 1 archaeological assessment and submitted to MTC a report prepared by a consultant archaeologist in accordance with the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Once that report has been filed by MTC in the provincial register of reports pursuant to

s. 65.1(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, MTC will provide a letter directly to each proponent. This letter will constitute its “written comments” in respect of archaeological assessments for purposes of s. 22(3)(a) of O. Reg. 359/09 made under the *Environmental Protection Act*.

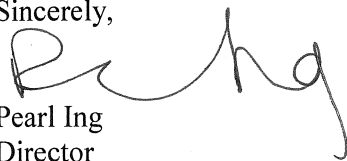
In accordance with s. 22(3) of O. Reg. 359/09, the proponent must include MTC’s letter, as well as a copy of the archaeological assessment report, in the REA application submitted to MOE in respect of each of these nine projects.

MTC’s letter to proponents will contain the recommendations made in the report from the consultant archaeologist. These recommendations may include, but are not limited to, the requirement that a Stage 2 archaeological assessment be completed, if recommended by the Stage 1 report, before construction of the renewable energy project begins. MOE has indicated that these recommendations will be incorporated as conditions in any approval issued by MOE in respect of the REA applications.

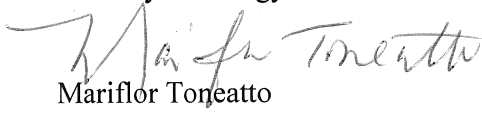
The “written comments” provided by MTC do not waive or otherwise affect any requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the REA regulation, or the Feed-in Tariff program. Proponents must still comply with any other obligations to which they are subject under the relevant statutes or programs. In exceptional circumstances, based on the comments from MTC, the public, municipalities and aboriginal communities, following the acceptance of the application, the MOE may require further archaeological assessment work to be completed before making a decision in respect of the application.

Should you have any questions, please contact Samira Viswanathan at the Renewable Energy Facilitation Office, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (samira.viswanathan@ontario.ca or 416-314-9481).

Sincerely,



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