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Dear Mr. Meade:

RE: Digby Wind Power Project Final Amendment - Final Site Plan

Thank you for your letter of February 2, 2010, in which you request consent to the relocation of turbines 3, 8, 11, 12, 15 and 18 previously located in the eastern area of the project site. As illustrated in the finalized site plan, all turbines will now be located in the western area. Based on the information provided, the predicted project operational noise levels are below Health Canada's proposed mitigation criterion level value of 45 dBA at the exterior of the building of the nearest sensitive receptor. Furthermore, the relocation of turbines addresses project concerns expressed by Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources pertaining to functional connectivity. As a result, the project layout is now better positioned to ensure ecosystem connectivity.

Consent is granted for the relocation of these six turbines to the western area. Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) is responsible for ensuring that any work or activities done on the Undertaking is conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the environmental assessment approval.

The Undertaking remains subject to any 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).

Given that noise levels may be audible to nearby receptors and public concerns pertaining to operational noise, in accordance with condition 3.1 of the EA Approval, Nova Scotia Environment is requiring NSPI to develop and implement a sound monitoring plan prior to the Digby Wind Power Project becoming operational. NSPI must also develop a noise mitigation strategy for conditions in which operational noise levels exceed 45 dBA.

If you have any questions regarding the EA requirements for this Undertaking, please contact me at 424-7630.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Steve Sanford
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