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Dear Trent Vichie:

**RE: Environmental Assessment – EverWind Strait Crossing Transmission Line Project,
Guysborough and Richmond Counties**

The environmental assessment of the proposed EverWind Strait Crossing Transmission Line Project in Guysborough and Richmond Counties, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This letter is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 40 of the Nova Scotia *Environment Act*, S.N.S., 1994-95 and subsection 13(1)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 348/2022, made under the Act. Following a review of the information provided by EverWind NS Holdings Limited, and the information provided by the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, and the public during consultation on 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.

Please be advised that prior to the alteration of applicable wetlands or watercourses identified in the Study Area, you must apply for and receive the required Wetland and Watercourse Alteration Approvals from the Department. To determine the application requirements for this project and support efficient work processes, please work with the Inspection, Compliance, and Enforcement Division's regional office. Decisions regarding such approvals will be made based on

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the information provided at the time of application while applying the *Environment Act* and relevant regulations. For questions related to any wetland alterations, please contact Lynda Weatherby, Business Relationship Manager, at (902) 717-3170 or via email at lynda.weatherby@novascotia.ca.

In your Environmental Assessment Registration Document, you identified Species at Risk and/or their habitat within the Study Area. It is important that you work with the Department of Natural Resources to address or mitigate impacts such that your project meets requirements under provincial and federal legislation related to Species at Risk. The Department of Natural Resources may also have additional requirements to mitigate any impacts that could arise because of the geological conditions within your project area.

It is important that you work with Transport Canada to ensure you comply with the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* and obtain the necessary approval(s) and lease/licence(s) to meet requirements under federal legislation.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact Bridget Tutty, Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, at (902) 452-7891 or via email at Bridget.Tutty@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Halman', is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Enclosure

c: Bridget Tutty, Environment and Climate Change
 Lynda Weatherby, Environment and Climate Change