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Donald J. Bartlett
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Dear Mr. Bartlett:

**Re: Environmental Assessment - Hampton Mountain Wind Power Project
Annapolis County, Nova Scotia**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Hampton Mountain Wind Power Project, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, 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 SP Development 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.

As per the conditions of Approval, the undertaking is limited to the undertaking as described in the Registration Document excluding turbines 1, 3, 4 and 10 in their proposed locations. Relocation of these turbines will require consultation with NSE regarding operational noise and separation distances.

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 Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Mr. Peter Geddes at (902) 424-6250 or via email at geddespi@gov.ns.ca

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Sterling Belliveau
Minister of Environment

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