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Dear Mr. Roscoe:

**Re: Environmental Assessment - Martock Ridge Community Wind Farm
Hants County, Nova Scotia**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Martock Ridge Community Wind Farm, Hants County, Nova Scotia, has been completed.

This letter is to advise that, pursuant to Section 13 (1)(a) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, I have determined that the registration information provided is insufficient to allow me to make a decision and that I require additional information.

During the environmental assessment review it was determined that additional information is required concerning the proximity of the proposed Project to affected receptors. Information is required demonstrating the Project can be developed while meeting the following objectives:

- the Project can be constructed while maintaining a separation distance of 550 m, as a minimum, from any receptor;
- operational noise levels will not exceed 40 dBA at any receptor; and
- shadow flicker must not exceed 30 minutes/day and/or 30 hours/year at any receptor.

During the review concerns were expressed with the lack of information concerning the construction and operation of the Project in the Mill Lakes Watershed Protected Area. The Registration Document failed to provide sufficient detailed information of steps taken or proposed to be taken to address these concerns. This information must be developed in consultation with the Municipality of the District of West Hants, the Town of Windsor and the Mill Lakes Watershed Advisory Committee.

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Additional information may also be required with respect to potential adverse environmental effects of the Project in the event turbines are relocated to accommodate these objectives.

This information must be submitted by Scotian WindFields Inc., Scotian Wind Inc. and WEB Wind Energy North America Inc. within one year, as an Addendum to the original Registration Document. Upon submission of the information I will have 50 days to make my decision.

Scotian WindFields Inc., Scotian Wind Inc. and WEB Wind Energy North America Inc. must not commence the undertaking or any part thereof until the undertaking has been approved under Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact the Acting Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ms. Helen MacPhail, at (902) 424-3960 or via e-mail at macphafh@gov.ns.ca.

Sincerely,



Sterling Belliveau
Minister