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Paul Pynn
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Dear Mr. Pynn:

**Re: Environmental Assessment - McLellans Brook Wind Project
Pictou County, Nova Scotia**

The environmental assessment of the proposed McLellans Brook Wind Project, Pictou 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 wildlife, wetlands and the proposed project footprint. Information is required in the following areas:

- Bat studies timed to assess fall bat activity designed in consultation with NS Department of Natural Resources (NSDNR) Wildlife Division
- Additional bird studies designed in consultation NSDNR
- Historical information and analysis of moose occupancy in the project area
- Spatial data delineating the project footprint; and
- Mapping and delineation of wetlands within the project footprint.

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 Watts Wind Energy 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.

Watts Wind Energy 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 macphahf@gov.ns.ca.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Sterling Belliveau
Minister

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