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c/o:  
[Jesse.cameron@aboenergy.com](mailto:Jesse.cameron@aboenergy.com)

Dear Robin Reese:

**RE: Environmental Assessment – Melvin Lake Wind Project, Halifax and Hants Counties**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Melvin Lake Wind Project in Halifax and Hants 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 Melvin Lake Wind Inc., 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 and with consideration of other required approvals, licenses or permits.

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 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](mailto:lynda.weatherby@novascotia.ca).

In your Environmental Assessment Registration Document, you identified potential Old Growth Forest and 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. This includes working to avoid impacts on species at risk and their habitat within the project area.

You will be expected to continue the established Community Liaison Committee and ensure fulsome engagement with the diverse communities in the project vicinity as work progresses.

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](mailto:Bridget.Tutty@novascotia.ca).

Sincerely,

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

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

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