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Trent Vichie – CEO, Founder EverWind  
**Upper Afton Wind Ltd.**  
**(EverWind NS Holdings Ltd. & Membertou Development Corporation)**  
1969 Upper Water Street, Suite 2101  
Purdy's Wharf II, Halifax, NS B3J 2V1  
c/o: [jeff.bonazza@everwindfuels.com](mailto:jeff.bonazza@everwindfuels.com)

Dear Trent Vichie:

**RE: Environmental Assessment – Upper Afton Wind Project, Antigonish and Guysborough Counties**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Upper Afton Wind Project in Antigonish and Guysborough 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 Upper Afton Wind Ltd. 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 application requirements for this Project and support efficient work processes, please work with the Compliance 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.

You have predicted project operational noise levels will be close to 40 decibels (dBA) at some receptors. To best protect human health, please be advised that operational noise levels from the Project shall not exceed 40 decibels at any permanent or seasonal receptor.

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 Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Environment and Climate Change Canada to address or mitigate impacts such that your

Project meets requirements under provincial and federal legislation related to Species at Risk. This includes working to avoid impacts on Species at Risk and their habitat within the Project area.

For questions related to wetland or watercourse 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).

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 below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Encl.

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