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Dear Scotian Wind Inc.:

**Re: Community Feed-In Tariff Approval**

On behalf of the Nova Scotia Department of Energy, I am pleased to present you with your Community Feed-In Tariff (COMFIT) approval for your 1.99 MW large-wind project in Yarmouth, NS (COMFIT application #273). Attached to this letter is a certificate indicating your approval.

In order to maintain your COMFIT approval, you must comply with the conditions set by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated, the Renewable Electricity Regulations made under Section 5 of the *Electricity Act* and all program Directives. You will also be expected to comply with the terms and conditions of the project as outlined in your COMFIT application (and supplementary documentation) submitted September 19<sup>th</sup> 2011. Any alterations to this submission (technology type, partnership structure etc.) must be submitted in writing and approved by the Department.

As a condition of approval, your project will be expected to complete:

- **Community Consultation:** Two public information sessions must be held prior to the construction of the project. Results of the information session must be submitted to the Department of Energy, outlining any community concerns with the proposed project.
- **Project Time Line and Milestones:** A detailed project schedule including timelines and key milestones must be submitted to the Department of Energy within 60 days. You will be required to report regularly on the progress of the project, as outlined in the submission.
- **Sensitivity Analysis:** A sensitivity analysis must be completed prior to the public offering. In addition, the Department of Energy requires a submission of your borrowing costs should you choose to access the 20 per cent equity borrowing condition as outlined in the project's business plan. Further details of the requirements of this analysis and subsequent risk assessment can be found in the COMFIT Guidance Note (attached).
- **Evidence of Ownership Structure:** A list of at least 25 shareholders from the community in which the project is located is required in accordance to COMFIT Directive 006.

- **Archaeological Resource Impact Assessment:** The Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage recommends that an Archaeological Resource Impact Assessment be conducted.
- **Environmental Statement:** As per Section 9 of the COMFIT Application, applicants must submit an Environmental Statement outlining the environmental impacts of the project and proposed mitigation efforts.
- **Environmental Assessment:** Currently, there are no turbines on the market with a 1.99 MW rating. In Nova Scotia, the construction and operation of any turbine with the capacity to generate at least 2 MW from wind requires an Environmental Assessment. As such, please contact the Nova Scotia Department of Environment's Environmental Assessment Branch to discuss the requirements for this project.
- **Wind Energy Mapping:** The Department of Energy and Department of Natural Resources are endeavoring to map wind development within the province. All approved projects are required to submit the appropriate geographic information system data, and work collaboratively to address any recommendations emerging from an assessment of the cumulative impact of wind energy in the province. More information is provided in the guidance note.

These conditions are not an exhaustive list of the permits and approvals needed for your project. COMFIT approval does not supersede any additional regulations, permits or approval required by other government authorities as your project unfolds. Projects must still comply with all other conditions and milestones as set by government entities and Nova Scotia Power Inc. Failure to meet additional requirements may result in revocation of your COMFIT approval, even though they may not be an explicit condition at this time.

A COMFIT guidance note is attached with information pertaining to the implementation of your project. The guidance note is not a condition of approval, but information that may be useful to you as you implement your project. As per Directive 004: Annual Progress reports, the Department looks forward to receiving your annual reports on how COMFIT proceeds have assisted in meeting community sustainability goals.

Please note that you are also required to submit a report to the Department of Energy within 30 days of your project's connection to the distribution grid as identified in Section 34 of the Renewable Electricity Regulations. Failure to do so may result in revocation of your COMFIT approval.

If you have any questions about your approval, or if we can be of further assistance to you, please call COMFIT Clerk at (902) 424-5293 and a representative will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely,



**Charlie Parker**  
**Minister**

Enclosure

No. Project 273

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