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RE: Napier Wind Project

Location: Part Lot 8 and 10, Concession 4 SER, Geographic Township of Adelaide, County of Middlesex, Ontario

**OPA Reference Number: FIT-FHVKX9D
FIT Contract Number: F-002194-WIN-130-601**

MTC DPR File No.: PLAN-39EA036

Dear Ms. Parre:

This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's written comments as required by s. 23(3)(a) of O. Reg. 359/09 under the *Environmental Protection Act* regarding heritage assessments undertaken for the above project.

Based on the information contained in the report you have submitted for this project, the Ministry is satisfied with the heritage assessment. Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the heritage assessment report.*

The report recommends the following:

8.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The heritage assessment for the Napier Wind Project encompassed a study area consisting of the proposed project location, the participating properties, and all abutting/adjacent properties. One Protected Property was identified on an abutting property (the Woods' General Store, Protected Property No. 1), 36 properties with potential BH (Built Heritage) resources were recognized (Potential Heritage Resource Nos. 1-36), and one potential CHL

(Cultural Heritage Landscape) was found within the study area (the unincorporated community of Kerwood).

All of the potential heritage resources were tested against the criteria of O. Reg. 9/06. The results of the evaluation demonstrated that 27 of the 36 properties with potential BH resources have CHVI (Cultural Heritage Value or Interest), including Heritage Resource Nos. 1, 5, 6, 8–18, 20–21, 23–30 and 32–34. The potential CHL of Kerwood was also found to have CHVI, meeting several of the criteria established in O. Reg. 9/06. All of the identified heritage resources and the Protected Property were then evaluated for potential project impacts.

The results of the evaluation of impacts to the Protected Property, the 27 properties with identified BH resources, and the identified CHL can be summarized as follows:

- The Protected Property (27736 Kerwood Road, the Woods' General Store) is located at least 1,978 m away from the proposed turbines, at least 28 m away from the proposed feeder line, at least 1,404 m away from the proposed collector lines, and at least 1,368 m away from the proposed access roads. After the project impact analysis, no direct or indirect impacts were identified that would negatively affect any of the heritage attributes of this Protected Property.
- All 27 of the properties with identified BH resources are abutting properties (Heritage Resource Nos. 1, 5, 6, 8–18, 20–21, 23–30 and 32–34). These resources are at least 635 m away from the proposed turbines, at least 10 m away from the proposed feeder line, at least 12 m away from the proposed collector lines, and at least 23 m away from the proposed access roads. After the project impact analysis, no direct or indirect impacts were identified that would negatively affect any of the heritage attributes of these resources.
- The CHL of Kerwood is located at least 1,757 m southwest of the proposed turbines, at least 1,163 m southwest of the proposed collector lines, and at least 1,102 m southwest of the proposed access roads. The corridor for the feeder line, however, extends along the ROW for Kerwood Drive and traverses the full extent of the CHL. After the project impact analysis, no direct or indirect impacts were identified that would negatively affect any of the heritage attributes of Kerwood. The proposed feeder line will join the network of electrical wiring that already defines this area.

Given that this study has 1) identified one Protected Property within the study area; 2) documented all potential BH resources and CHLs on the participating and abutting properties; 3) identified multiple heritage resources with CHVI based on the criteria in O. Reg. 9/06; 4) evaluated all potential direct and indirect impacts to the Protected Property and all of the identified heritage resources; and 5) found that the project will not negatively impact any of these resources, ARA recommends that the Napier Wind Project be released from further heritage concerns. It is the considered opinion of ARA that the previously-unrecognized heritage resources with CHVI discussed in this assessment *may* be worthy of inclusion on a municipal heritage register.

The Ministry is satisfied with these recommendations.

This letter does not waive any requirements which you may have under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Also, this letter does not constitute approval of the renewable energy project. Approvals of the project may be required under other statutes and regulations. It is your responsibility to obtain any necessary approvals or licences.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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