

February 11, 2013

NextEra Energy Canada  
390 Bay Street, Suite 1720  
Toronto, ON, M5H 2Y2

**RE: Addendum #2 to the Natural Heritage Assessment Confirmation for  
Bornish Wind Energy Centre**

Dear Mr Tom Bird;

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has received the Natural Heritage Assessment - Addendum II Report dated February 2013 that describes new information related to the Bornish Wind Energy Centre Natural Heritage Assessment. The changes to the Natural Heritage Assessment were made subsequent to MNR's confirmation letter of the Natural Heritage Assessment dated April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 and re-confirmation letter issued July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

In accordance with Section 28(3)(c) and 38(2)(c), MNR also offers the following comments in respect of the project.

Preconstruction Monitoring

In accordance with Appendix D of MNR's NHA Guide, a commitment has been made to complete pre-construction assessment(s) of habitat use for the following candidate significant wildlife habitats:

- Bald Eagle Nesting, Foraging and Perching Habitat (BAL-001)

MNR has reviewed and confirmed the assessment methods and the range of mitigation options. The results of pre-construction assessments will be submitted to MNR. Pending completion of the assessments and determination of significance, the appropriate mitigation is expected to be implemented, as committed to in the Natural Heritage Assessment - Addendum Report.

Turbines 2 and 3

If pre-construction assessment(s) indicate Turbines 2 and 3 are located in Significant Wildlife Habitat for Bald Eagle Nesting, Foraging and Perching Habitat, **MNR does not support the construction of these turbines.**

## Post-Construction Monitoring

A commitment has been made in the Environmental Impact Study to conduct post-construction monitoring and if determined necessary, implement mitigation measures. The following candidate significant natural features will be monitored post-construction if they are deemed significant during pre-construction surveys:

- Bald Eagle Nesting, Foraging and Perching Habitat (BAL-001)

Upon review of the modifications to the project location and the additional Natural Heritage Assessment information received, the MNR is satisfied that the Natural Heritage Assessment requirements of Ontario Regulation 359/09 have been met.

Please add this letter as an addendum to the confirmation letter issued April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 and re-confirmation letter issued July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for the Bornish Wind Energy Centre project.

If you wish to discuss any part of this letter please contact Jim Beal at [jim.beal@ontario.ca](mailto:jim.beal@ontario.ca) or 705-755-3203.

Sincerely,



Kazia Milian  
Planning Coordinator  
Southern Region MNR

cc. Jim Beal, Renewable Energy Operations Team, Coordinator, MNR  
Mitch Wilson, District Manager, Aylmer District, MNR  
Narren Santos, Environmental Approvals Access & Service Integration Branch, MOE  
Zeljko Romic, Environmental Approvals Access & Service Integration Branch, MOE  
Kristina Rudzki, Environmental Approvals Access & Service Integration Branch, MOE  
Andrew Ryckman, Terrestrial and Wetland Biologist, NRSI