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<b>Project:</b>	<b>Goshen Wind Energy Centre</b>
<b>OPA Reference Number:</b>	<b>FIT-FETX82X</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Goshen Wind Energy Centre</b>
<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>NextEra Energy Canada, ULC</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Municipalities of Bluewater and South Huron, Huron County</b>
<b>MTC File No.:</b>	<b>40EA044</b>

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Dear Meaghan Rivard:

This office has reviewed the above-mentioned report (the "Report"), which has been submitted to this ministry as required under O. Reg. 359/09, as amended (Renewable Energy Approvals under the *Environmental Protection Act*) (the "REA regulation"). This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (the "Ministry") comments for the purposes of section 23(3)(a) of the REA regulation regarding the heritage assessment undertaken for the above project.

The Report recommends the following:

**Cultural Heritage Landscape**

The participating properties were all determined to represent vernacular cultural heritage landscapes that are characterized by a homogeneous land use pattern of pastures, agricultural fields, woodlots and associated farmsteads. This study determined that the evolved rural vernacular cultural landscape associated with the Project location had no cultural heritage value or interest according to O.Reg. 09/06.

Therefore, no mitigation of cultural heritage landscapes is recommended.

**Built Heritage Resources**

A total of 60 participating properties were identified as containing residential and/or agricultural structures over the age of 40 years. These properties contained a total of 98 potential built heritage resources; 55 residences and 43 barns. Of these potential resources, 71 (35 houses and 36 barns) were identified as having cultural heritage value or interest according to O.Reg. 09/06. This study determined that there are no direct or indirect impacts anticipated on any of the 71 heritage resources identified.

Therefore, no mitigation of built heritage resources is recommended.

Based on the information contained in the Report, the Ministry is satisfied that the heritage assessment process and reporting are consistent with the applicable heritage assessment requirements established in s. 23 of O. Reg. 359/09. Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the heritage assessment report (please see Note 1).

This letter does not waive any requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

This letter does not constitute approval of the renewable energy project. Approvals or licences for the project may be required under other statutes and regulations. Please ensure that you obtain all required approvals and/or licences.

Please ensure that the proponent is aware that, if new information or substantive project changes arise after issuance of this letter, the applicant should discuss them with you to determine if any additional assessment or reporting is required. If additional reporting or revisions are required, they should be submitted to the Ministry for review. Upon completion of that review, the Ministry will determine if any revisions to the content of this letter are required.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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