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September 10, 2010

Mr. Thomas Bird Environmental Services Project Manager NextEra Energy Canada, ULC 5500 North Service Road, Suite 205 Burlington, Ontario L7L 6W6

**RE:** Adelaide Wind Farm

Location: Various Lots, Concession 1 to 5 N.E.R. and 1 to 4 S.E.R., Township of Adelaide, Middlesex County, Ontario

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MTC DPR File No. 39EA022

Dear Mr. Bird:

This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism and Culture'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:

# 10.0 Recommendations:

Given that the potential wind turbines and associated infrastructure are to be localized on chosen participating parcels within the study area, the cultural features that are located on those parcels were photographed and evaluated according to OHA Regulation 9/06. From the 47 structures that were identified to be greater than 40 years old, 42 (27 houses and 15 barns) were determined to have general historical significance. When further applying the criteria set out in OHA Regulation 9/06, none of these structures were determined to have cultural heritage value or interest. These buildings are heritage resources, for the fact that they do contribute to a broad understanding of agricultural development in the area, but they are not significant enough to warrant designation or further investigation.

The rural cultural heritage landscape located on the project lands and land abutting project lands has been determined not to be of cultural heritage value or interest. However, as the construction of the project turbines and associated structures will have a visual impact on the landscape of the study area, it is recommended that the visual impact of the substation located on the east side of Kerwood Road, south of the 402 (Figure 2) should be minimized with appropriate siting/location of the substation, and landscape design such as massing and screening.

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,

Laura Hatcher Heritage Planner

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cc:

Christopher Andreae, Project Manager Golder Associates

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Subject: Adelaide Wind Energy Centre - March 30, 2012 revisions to project layout

**Date:** Thursday, April 05, 2012 12:02:33 PM

Dear Mr. Bird,

This email is regarding the proposed changes to the Adelaide Wind Energy Centre layout, which were submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) on March 30, 2012 by GL Garrad Hassan.

On September 10, 2010, MTCS issued written comments on the heritage assessment report for the project, expressing our satisfaction with the report and the mitigation recommendations made in that report.

MTCS has reviewed the re-submitted maps illustrating the location of the proposed changes along with the additional background research and site information for the additional lands which fall outside the original heritage assessment. MTCS finds that the mitigation recommendations of the original heritage assessment still apply to this project and the comments MTCS has previously provided still apply as well.

If further changes to the project layout take place, please continue to keep our office informed.

Sincerely,

# Laura

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