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May 18, 2012

Mr. Thomas Bird
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Dear Mr. Bird,

Thank you for your letter dated May 14, 2012 in which NextEra Energy Canada (NextEra) on behalf of Varna Wind, Inc. requests an extension to the time required to submit a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) application to the Ministry for the Bluewater Wind Energy Centre in order to continue to have paragraph 4 of subsection 54 (1.2) of O. Reg. 359/09 apply to the project.

I have considered your request for a time extension for the Bluewater Wind Energy Centre and am of the view that NextEra has made all reasonable efforts to submit an REA application within the six-month period referred to in subsection 54 (1.5) of O. Reg. 359/09 but is not able to do so due to the delays experienced in completing the archaeological work in accordance with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's requirements and obtaining their comment letter.

As such, this letter serves as confirmation of my decision to extend the six-month period in accordance with subsection 54 (1.6) of O. Reg. 359/09. As requested, the extension will be until December 21, 2012.

In order to continue to have paragraph 4 of subsection 54 (1.2) of O. Reg. 359/09 apply to the Bluewater Wind Energy Centre, NextEra must submit an REA application to the Ministry within this extended time period.

Please note that if NextEra does not submit an REA application to the Ministry on or before December 21, 2012, paragraph 4 of subsection 54 (1.2) of O. Reg. 359/09 ceases to apply to the Bluewater Wind Energy Centre.

Upon receipt of this letter, please inform the public of your request for an extension and the Director's decision to extend the period during which NextEra can rely on their draft site plan by distributing a notice in accordance with the rules set out in clause 54.1 (c) of O. Reg. 359/09.

Sincerely,



Doris Dumais

Director

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c: Clerk, Municipality of Bluewater
Clerk, Municipality of Huron East
Renewable Energy Facilitation Office, Ministry of Energy