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Project: East Durham Wind Energy Centre
OPA Reference Number: F-002177-WIN-130-601
Report Title: Cultural Heritage Assessment
Applicant: NextEra Energy Canada, ULC
Location: Municipality of West Grey, Grey County
MTCS File No.: PLAN-18EA090

Dear Ms. Janusas:

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:

11.0 SUMMARY STATEMENT AND CONSERVATION RECOMMENDATIONS

The project is seeking a Renewable Energy Approval according to Ontario Regulation 359/09 issued under the Environmental Protection Act. Landscape and built features were evaluated using the criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, from the Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Regulation 9/06. The Ontario Heritage Act, its Regulations and the Ontario Heritage Toolkit were consulted for this project, in addition to O. Reg. 359/09 of the Environmental Protection Act.

There are no properties or buildings designated as heritage properties/protected properties, nor are any properties within the project area currently recognized for their heritage or cultural value by the Municipality of West Grey, or the Ontario Heritage Trust. None of the properties are, or have ever been, on any heritage list.

As part of the assessment, 181 built features were considered, along with 28 landscape features. These features were assessed for potential cultural heritage value or interest. When the criteria in Regulation 9/06 of the Ontario Heritage Act are applied to the landscapes and built features found within the study area and along the transmission route, there were 42 structures and 7 landscapes that were evaluated as having cultural heritage value or interest.

The impacts on the landscape features will be very limited. The locations of the turbines are a minimum of 500 metres away from any of the landscape features and the impact will be minimal. The access roads will have some minimal impact on the landscape but not on any of the identified features. The transmission lines will be buried and will have no impact on the identified landscapes.

The McKechnie Cemetery is located on property adjacent to the proposed location of the laydown area and the second meteorological tower. Since the laydown area will only be in operation during the construction phase whatever impact it may have will not be direct and will only be short term assuming the area is returned to its present (or better) condition. Although the meteorological tower is located on the lot adjacent to the McKechnie Cemetery, it is sufficiently far from the cemetery that it will have little or no impact. .

Except for the McKechnie Cemetery there are no landscape features that will be significantly impacted by the development of the East Durham Wind Energy Centre.

The impacts on the built heritage features will be very limited. The location of the turbines is a minimum of 400 metres away from any of the built features and in most cases substantially more. The impact will be minimal. The transmission lines will be buried and will have no impact on the identified built heritage features.

The impact of the proposed project on the identified built heritage features is insignificant. There are no built heritage features that will be impacted by the development of the East Durham Wind Energy Centre.

There is one mitigation recommendation for the East Durham Wind Energy Centre. During the construction phase the area adjacent to McKechnie Cemetery will be used as a laydown area for the project. It has been recommended that the laydown area be returned to its present (or better) condition. The pre-construction and post-construction condition of the laydown area should be photographed by the proponent to record the condition and to ensure that there are no impacts to the cemetery.

Other than the mitigation recommendation with respect to McKechnie Cemetery, there are no further recommendations with respect to the heritage impact assessment of the East Durham Wind Energy Centre.

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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