



April 20th, 2009

Skyway 8 Wind Energy Inc.
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Attention: Mr. Derek Tennant, President

RE: **Noise Review of "Skyway 8 Wind Farm Project,
Melancthon, Ontario
May 23, 2008"
Township of Southgate, ON**

Dear Mr. Tennant:

I apologize for this ministry's delay in providing comments with respect to the above noted May 23rd, 2008 document ("the noise report"), as well as the addendum letter "Re: Influence of Adjacent Wind Farm Projects, Skyway 8 Wind Farm Project, Melancthon, Ontario" ("the addendum"), dated July 15, 2008, both prepared by HGC Engineering.

The proposed project is for installing five (5) wind turbine generators on 78 m high towers, each rated at 2.0 MW for a combined electrical power capacity of 10 MW in the Township of Southgate, Grey County. As stated in an email from Ian Bonsma of HGC Engineering to Thomas Shevlin of MOE on July 1, 2008, this proposal does not include a transformer substation, as it has transformers local to the towers, and a switching-only substation.

The noise report presents noise impact assessments at forty (40) receptors for comparison with the Ministry's noise criteria. These requirements are stated in the guidance document titled *Interpretation for Applying MOE Technical Publications to Wind Turbine Generators* - July 2004 and in the clarifications titled *Noise Guidelines for Wind Turbines* - Version 2.0, Draft May 2008.

The May 2008 Draft Guidelines indicate that information should be provided about other existing or planned wind farms located within 5 km of the proposed wind farm; although the planned Melancthon II wind farm fit this definition, such information was not provided in the noise report. Upon request for this information, HGC Engineering produced the above-referenced addendum letter, which assessed the noise impact of the Skyway 8 wind farm upon receptors of the Melancthon II project. As the added sound level from the Skyway 8 project at those receptors was minimal, and the common receptors were more than 1500m from the Skyway 8 project and thus would not be considered under the current guideline, the combined effect was considered by MOE to be acceptable from the standpoint of compliance.

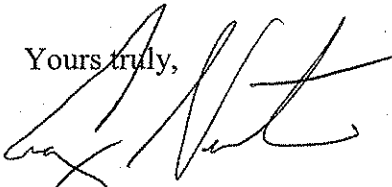
Based on the information provided, this Ministry considers the noise requirements in the subject report as complete and, therefore, concludes the technical review under the Environmental Screening Process.

This Ministry's technical review of the complete noise report at the screening stage will be later utilized during the review of the corresponding application for a Certificate of Approval. Provided that the proposal is not changed and therefore the complete report remains accurate, there is unlikely to be a need for further technical review during the Certificate of Approval process.

Any changes to the proposal or to the complete report at the time of the application for Certificate of Approval will require further technical review and may delay approval. The applicant is accountable for disclosing any changes that have been made to the complete report at the time of application for Certificate of Approval.

If there are any questions, please feel free to give me a phone call and I will do my best to answer them.

Yours truly,



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