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ATTENTION: Caroline Walmsley

Dear Ms. Walmsley:

Subject: Skyway 8 Wind Farm – Windrush Energy
Natural Environment Assessment Workplan
Lots 41 and 42, Concession 5
Township of Southgate (former Proton)

Thank you for providing this Ministry with the natural environment assessment workplan in support of the above noted wind farm. Based on our review of the workplan, we advise of the following:

It is the mandate of the Ministry of Natural Resources to protect significant natural heritage features and areas from development or site alteration that may result in a negative impact to such features or areas. The workplan adequately recognizes the need to identify such features and further notes that the subject lands do not contain a provincially significant Area of Natural and Scientific Interest. This Ministry concurs that the study area does not contain either a provincially significant Life Science or Earth Science ANSI.

The plan also notes that the Keldon Swamp, a provincially significant wetland is located on the west side of County Rd 8 within one kilometer of the study area. It should be noted that the subject lands are also within close proximity to the Melancthon Complex #2 non provincially significant wetland. This complex appears to be hydrologically connected to the wetland feature on the subject lands. It is recommended that field work be undertaken to determine if the wetland on site and on adjacent lands should be complexed to either the Keldon or Melancthon Complex #2 wetlands using the criteria contained within the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System Southern Ontario Manual.


The workplan also speaks to the need for bat monitoring. This Ministry supports bat monitoring and requests that the monitoring be in keeping with the "generic" NSRI work program dated August 14, 2006.

We have no other comments or concerns with the proposed work plan.

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Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the workplan. If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact the undersigned at (705) 725-7546.

Yours truly,



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