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RE: Review and Acceptance into the Provincial Register of Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, “Stage 2 Archaeological Resource Assessment (Property Assessment), St. Columban Wind Project, Municipality of Huron East, Huron County, Ontario”, April 2011 (Revised June 2011), Received June 15, 2011, Licence/PIF # P057-664-2010, OPA Reference # FIT-F1PW818 and FIT-F9YXBYJ, MTC File 40EA014

Dear Mr. Pihl:

This office has reviewed the above-mentioned report which has been submitted to this Ministry as a condition of licensing in accordance with Part VI of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c 0.18. This review is to ensure that the licensed professional consultant archaeologist has met the terms and conditions of their archaeological licence, that archaeological sites have been identified and documented according to the 1993 technical guidelines set by the Ministry and that the archaeological fieldwork and report recommendations ensure the conservation, protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of Ontario.*

As the result of our review, this Ministry accepts the above titled report into the Provincial register of archaeological reports. No archaeological sites were documented. It is recommended that there are no further concerns for alterations to archaeological sites for the area that has undergone archaeological assessment. This Ministry concurs with these recommendations.

Given the above, this Ministry is satisfied that concerns for archaeological sites have been met for the area of this development project as depicted within the above-noted report.

This letter does not constitute the Ministry’s written comments for the purposes of O. Reg 359/09. Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shari Prowse
Archaeology Review Office

cc. Archaeology Licence Office
St. Columban Energy LP

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March 1, 2012

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RE: St. Columban Wind Project, Municipality of Huron East, Huron County, Ontario, FIT-F1PW818 and FIT-F9YXBYJ, MTCS File 40EA014, P264-076-2009, P057-664-2010, P057-665-2011 and P057-668-2011

Dear Proponent:

This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism and Culture's written comments as required by s. 22(3)(a) of O. Reg. 359/09 under the *Environmental Protection Act* regarding archaeological assessments undertaken for the above project.

Based on the information contained in the reports you have submitted for this project, the Ministry believes the archaeological assessment complies with the *Ontario Heritage Act's* licensing requirements, including the licence terms and conditions and the Ministry's 1993 Archaeological Assessment Technical Guidelines or the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (whichever apply). Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the reports.*

The reports recommend the following:

Stage 1, P264-076-2009, April 2009, Received May 27, 2009, Accepted August 10, 2009

A Stage 2 is recommended in advance of any proposed construction impact on any lands (e.g. turbine sites, associated access roads and crane paths) within the study area where there is potential for archaeological sites (see Figure 3), in accordance with Ministry of Culture's draft *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (MCL 2006). While impact may be expected on access roads, turbine work sites, off-road crane paths, and buried electrical lines, the Stage 2 assessment must examine and clear all designated work sites prior to construction.

Stage 2, P057-664-2010, April 2011(Revised June 2011), Received June 15, 2011, Accepted July 14, 2011

- 1) No further archaeological assessment is required of the proposed facilities (Layout 22, revised November 15, 2010) Figure 2; and
- 2) Should design changes (subsequent to Layout 22, November 15) or temporary work space requirements result in the inclusion of previously unassessed lands where there is potential for sites, these lands should be subjected to Stage 2 property assessment to determine if cultural remains are present.

Stage 2, P057-665-2011 and P057-668-2011 (Revised January 17, 2012) Received January 23, 2012, Accepted March 1, 2012

- 1) All of the lands within the study area can be considered clear of further archaeological concern and no further archaeological assessment is required; and
- 2) If there is any alteration in the design of the proposed project, any new lands must be subject to a Stage 2 Property Assessment if they are to be disturbed by construction and/or staging activities.

The Ministry is satisfied with these recommendations.

This letter does not waive any requirements which you may have under the Ontario *Heritage Act*. A separate letter addressing archaeological licensing obligations under the Act will be sent to the archaeologist who completed the assessment and will be copied to you.

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,

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