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## **RE: Modifications to the Port Ryerse Wind Power Project**

Dear Adam Rosso:

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has received the Port Ryerse Wind Project Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study Addendum, prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd, dated July 3, 2014 that describes modifications to the Port Ryerse Wind Power Project made subsequent to MNR's letter confirming the Natural Heritage Assessment in respect of the project dated November 21, 2012.

In accordance with Section 28(3)(c) and 38(2)(c), MNR also offers the following comments in respect of the project.

## Preconstruction Monitoring

In accordance with Appendix D of MNR's Natural Heritage Assessment Guide, a commitment has been made to complete pre-construction assessment(s) of habitat use for the following candidate significant wildlife habitats:

• Bald Eagle Nesting, Foraging and Perching Habitat

MNR has reviewed and confirmed the assessment methods and the range of mitigation options. The results of pre-construction assessments will be submitted to MNR. Pending completion of the assessments and determination of significance, the appropriate mitigation is expected to be implemented, as committed to in the Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study Addendum.

## Post-Construction Monitoring

A commitment has been made in the Environmental Impact Study to conduct post-construction monitoring and if determined necessary, implement mitigation

measures. The following candidate significant natural features will be monitored post-construction if they are deemed significant during pre-construction surveys:

• Bald Eagle Nesting, Foraging and Perching Habitat (BAL-001)

Upon review of the modifications to the project location and the additional Natural Heritage Assessment information received, the MNR is satisfied that the Natural Heritage Assessment requirements of Ontario Regulation 359/09 have been met. Please add this letter as an addendum to the confirmation letter issued November 21, 2012 for the Port Ryerse Wind Power Project.

If you wish to discuss any part of this letter please contact Joe Halloran at joe.halloran@ontario.ca or 705-755-3225

Sincerely,

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