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**Attention: Robin Junger, Associate Deputy Minister (Executive Director)**

Dear Sirs:

**Re: Application for Amendment to Environmental Assessment Certificate #E07-03 (the "Certificate") - Bear Mountain Wind Park Project (the "Project")**

Further to our letter dated October 18, 2007 and at your request, we are writing to request an amendment to the Certificate pursuant to condition no. 4 of the Certificate and section 19(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

This application relates to the following two proposed changes to the Project:

1. Access road - the use of an existing cut-line as the main southern access to the Project, rather than the construction of a new access road as proposed in our original application; and
2. Collector lines - the use of overhead distribution lines at the south end of the Project and an under-built collector system for distribution lines on the overhead transmission lines at the north end of the Project, rather than placing such lines in underground trenches as proposed in our original application.

The following is a brief summary of the proposed changes:

*Access Road*

The southern access road proposed in our original application for the Certificate involved the construction of approximately 1.2 km of new road through forested areas. We propose using an existing cut-line currently used by grazing tenure holders and recreational vehicles as an alternate route. The alternate route is in poor condition and will require upgrading of the road base to accommodate construction traffic.

Using the alternate route will avoid the need to create a new access road through undisturbed forest and will not add to the Project's footprint. Upgrading of the road surface is expected to limit the ongoing widening of the existing track by recreational vehicles attempting to avoid muddy areas and, as a result, is expected to reduce long term habitat destruction.

*Collector Lines*

The original application provided that the distribution lines connecting the turbines to the substation would be installed underground. We are proposing that overhead distribution lines be used. Approximately 4 km of overhead lines will be installed in the southern part of the Project. In the north, the distribution lines will be carried on an under-built of the overhead transmission line poles.

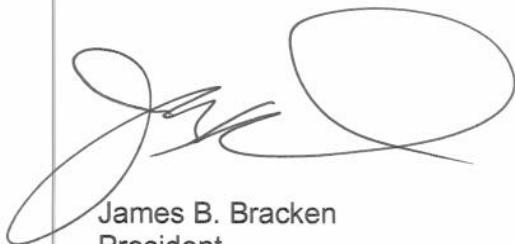
This change will significantly reduce the ground disturbance and loss of habitat resulting from the trenching required to install the lines underground. In accordance with our existing commitments, the new distribution lines will be designed to be raptor friendly.

We will be providing you with the additional supporting documentation that you have requested for this application under separate cover.

Please accept this letter as our application to amend the Certificate. We ask that you please consider this application and make a determination with respect to the amendments proposed herein as soon as possible. We will need to commence ground work on the access road shortly in order to meet our scheduling constraints, therefore, your immediate attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. If you require any further information to proceed with the application, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

**BEAR MOUNTAIN WIND LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**  
by its general partner, **Bear Mountain Wind Power Corporation**



James B. Bracken  
President

