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Dear Christine Bonnell-Eisnor:

Please consider this letter a formal request from Natural Resources Canada and the Nova Scotia Department of Energy to the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator to host the maps and shapefile data related to the jointly designated Wind Energy Areas (WEAs). The designation of the WEAs is a key planning step in the land tenure process for offshore wind development and provides the basis for future Calls for Bids and the development of the offshore wind sector in Nova Scotia.

WEAs are large contiguous portions of the Canada-Nova Scotia offshore that have been deemed potentially suitable for offshore wind energy development and are intended to provide clarity and certainty to industry, stakeholders, and Indigenous groups on priority areas for future development. As you know, the designated WEAs build off the potential development areas identified in the Nova Scotia Regional Assessment's final report and were subject to further analysis and a public comment period in spring 2025.


As the lead and lifecycle regulator of offshore renewable energy in the Canada-Nova Scotia offshore area, the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator is best placed to host this information and to make it publicly available for all interested parties. Parcels within one or more of these WEAs will be subject to future Calls for Bids, the first of which is to be held in 2025, administered by the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator.

We have directed our officials to provide you with any necessary information and support. Should you wish to discuss the WEAs or any other related matters, please do not hesitate to reach out to our officials, Abigail Lixfeld, who can be reached by email at Abigail.Lixfeld@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca, and Kim Doane, who can be reached at Kim.Doane@novascotia.ca.

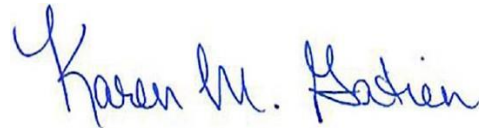
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We would like to thank you and your colleagues for your dedication and hard work with integrating the regulation of offshore renewable energy into your organization's mandate. We appreciate the ongoing collaboration across our organizations as we collectively prepare for the first Call for Bids for offshore wind development in Canada.

Yours sincerely,



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