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Peter Zedick
Project Developer
St. Lawrence Wind Farm
122 South Point Street
Cape Vincent, New York 13618

Re: Land Exchange Request at Ashland Wildlife Management Area

Dear Mr. Zedick:

This letter is in response to your firm's interest in obtaining rights to use the old railroad corridor at Ashland Wildlife Management Area for power transmission purposes. This land was acquired by the State as part of its mission to provide for the protection and management of our wildlife resources. This Department does not have the authority to grant or alienate any interest in these lands.

In order to proceed with your proposed project, permission by the New York State Legislature would be required. This process requires you to have legislation prepared and sponsored that provides for a direct positive benefit to the State and its wildlife management mission in exchange for the right to construct the power transmission facility. Normally, that would entail providing an additional parcel of land to mitigate the effect of the acreage disturbed by the project. We have provided you with the NYSDEC standards for full narrative appraisals and survey maps and the requirements for land exchange projects. A detailed discussion of the alternatives available to your firm should be provided in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for your proposed project.

During the above process, we ask that you please allow ample time for our Department staff to complete their reviews of the above. If you have any further questions regarding the land exchange process, please feel free to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Contino
Director of Real Property
Region 6

cc: Judy Drabicki
James Keating
Kenneth Kogut

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