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Pat Quinn, Governor
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Mr. Larry Knilands, Zoning Officer
Ford County Zoning Office
200 W. State Street, Room B-5
Paxton, IL 60957

**RE: BP Wind Energy North America Ford Ridge Project, Ford County
Endangered Species Consultation Program
EcoCAT Project Code #1003519**

Dear Mr. Knilands:

Earlier, by letter dated October 30, 2009, the Department communicated to the County its recommendations for this project resulting from consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075.

In the Attachment to that letter, the Department expressed reservations about the potential for one turbine to cast “flicker” shadows on the Sibley Grove Nature Preserve. After reviewing additional information about this potential provided by BP Wind Energy North America, the Department is now satisfied that areas dedicated as part of the Nature Preserve will not fall within the arc of shadows cast by this machine. Consequently, the Department no longer believes there is any need for action by the County relating to this possibility.

Should you need additional information regarding the consultation process, or should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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