



11. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Significant adverse effects to the natural and social environment have been avoided through careful site selection, facility layout planning and strict adherence to all regulatory requirements. All turbines, access roads and ancillary facilities have been sited with landowner consultation to minimize the impact to current agricultural operations. No significant adverse environmental effects are anticipated from the operations of this wind farm facility.

The overall conclusion of this Design and Operations Report is the project can be operated without any significant adverse residual effects to the natural or social environment.

There are net benefits of this project resulting from an increased municipal tax base, increased number of employment opportunities (especially during the construction stage) and the generation of clean, renewable electricity from wind power. The operation of the wind farm will also provide annual economic benefits through royalties to landowners and a continuing need for supplies and services in the local and regional rural economies.