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MEMORANDUM

| TO: | David K. Paylor Director, Department of Environmental Quality |
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| FROM: | Elizabeth A. Andrews Assistant Attorney General |
| DATE: | March 16, 2010 |
| RE: | Proposed Regulations, Small Renewable Energy Projects (Wind) Permit by Rule |

I have reviewed the above-referenced proposed regulations and it is my opinion that the Department of Environmental Quality has authority to promulgate these proposed regulations based upon applicable law, including Article 5 of Chapter 11.1 of Title 10.1 of the **CODE** of Virginia.

If I may be of any further assistance to you relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.