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Barbara Pike
Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board
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Dear Barbara Pike:

Further to my correspondence of November 2, 2023, suspending the Board's fundamental decision to issue Exploration Licence 2437, I am writing to provide you with my final decision.

The additional time provided by the suspension allowed me to meet with my provincial counterpart, yourself, and stakeholders, and to carefully consider the potential implications associated with the issuance of this Exploration Licence. In concurrence with Minister Rushton, I have decided to veto the fundamental decision to issue Exploration Licence 2437.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Offshore Board, acknowledging your expertise and my confidence in the regulatory process undertaken by the Board.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Wilkinson'.

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.
(he/him/il)

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