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By email: lee.thomson-lutz@nspower.ca

Ms. Lee Thomson-Lutz
Manager, Capital
Nova Scotia Power Inc.
14th Floor, Barrington Tower
Halifax, NS B3J 2W5

Dear Ms. Thomson-Lutz:

**NSPI Request for Approval of 2010 ACE Plan Work Order Greater Than \$1 Million:
CI # 38852 - Work Vehicle Replacement - P-128.10 / Matter No. M03088**

The Board has reviewed Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s ("NSPI") letter dated and received November 16, 2010, in which you provide the Board with NSPI's responses to the Board's Directives provided in the above referenced approval letter dated October 29, 2010.

The Board notes that NSPI's response regarding the decision to lease a number of vehicles in 2009, due to "cash flow issues", may indicate that leasing was a more cost effective option than purchase. Please provide a cost benefit comparison of vehicles' life cycle costs which shows that the decision to lease 16 work vehicles in 2009 provided savings for NSPI customers.

The Board would appreciate receiving the above information by November 30, 2010.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy McNeil".

Nancy McNeil
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk

cc Eric Ferguson, Director Regulatory Affairs

By email