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Mr. Alan Richardson
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Dear Mr. Richardson:

NSPI's Relay Testing Report 2009 – P-401.32 – Matter 03232

With reference to NSPI's 2009 Relay Testing Report, please respond to the following Information Requests.

- IR-1** Nova Scotia Power's 2006-2007 Relay Testing Report (letter dated July 2, 2008), indicated 1712 relays were included in the transmission test program. The 2008 Relay Testing Report (letter dated April 27, 2009), indicated a total number of 1580 relays which was adjusted from the prior year report to reflect the number of customer owned relays and those not in service. The 2009 Relay Testing Report (letter dated June 3, 2010), indicates a total of 1408 relays tested during the three year program.
- a) What is the total number of relays in the system?
 - b) Please elaborate on "customer owned relays and those not in service".
 - c) Were all relays on the system tested during the three year cycle? If not, how many remain untested, and why?
- IR-2** Program costs for the three years are stated as \$188,689, \$159,441, and \$92,210 successively. Please analyze and explain the year over year drop in costs.
- IR-3** Please provide a detailed rationale supporting NSPI's assertion that a ten year cycle for testing relays would be more appropriate.

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Responses are to be filed on or before October 19, 2010. The Board requires an electronic copy (pdf searchable) followed by three hard copies.

Yours truly,



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