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Ms. Lee Thomson-Lutz, MBA, CMA
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Dear Ms. Thomson-Lutz:

**NSPI - Request for Approval of 2010 ACE Plan Work Order Greater Than \$1 Million:
CI # 38062 – 2010 Off Road to Roadside - P-128.10**

The Board has reviewed Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s ("NSPI") letter dated June 29, 2010, requesting Board approval for the following confidential 2010 Annual Capital Expenditure ("ACE") Plan Work Order:

CI # 38062	2010 Off Road to Roadside	\$1,000,119
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The revised cost estimate for this project is \$1,000,119, a slight reduction from the amount of \$1,001,045, which was included in the approved 2010 ACE Plan.

As a part of the 2010 ACE Plan review, Board staff issued Information Requests ("IRs") on February 5, 2010, and NSPI's responses were received on June 29, 2010. Further IRs were issued on August 12, 2010, to which responses were received on August 26, 2010.

The Board understands that this work order covers the cost to relocate 8.65 km of distribution lines from off road to the roadside. The Board also understands that moving the lines to the roadside should reduce outage durations and increase the reliability of power supply for the customers connected to these lines.

The Board accepts that this project is necessary and the corresponding cost is justified. Accordingly, this will confirm that the Board has approved NSPI's request for the amount of \$1,000,119 with respect to this Work Order.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Doehler', written over a horizontal line.

Murray E. Doehler, CA, P.Eng.
Member

cc Eric Ferguson, Director Regulatory Affairs

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