

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS by **Nova Scotia Power Incorporated** for approval of Canaan Road to Tremont Transmission Line and associated additions in Kings County, Nova Scotia (CI# 38819 – 51V Tremont Circuit Breaker & Bus in the amount of \$7,452,511; CI# 33525, Canaan Road 43V to Tremont 51V Line in the amount of \$8,016,435; and CI# 11004 – Canaan Road Circuit Breaker Additions in the amount of \$1,990,631

BEFORE:  Margaret A. M. Shears, Q.C., Vice-chair
 Kulvinder S. Dhillon, P. Eng., Member

ORDER

WHEREAS Nova Scotia Power Incorporated (“NSPI”) filed applications on July 27, 2010, with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (the “Board”) for approval of Work Orders CI# 38819 – 51V Tremont Circuit Breaker & Bus in the amount of \$7,452,511; CI# 33525, Canaan Road 43V to Tremont 51V Line in the amount of \$8,016,435; and CI# 11004 – Canaan Road Circuit Breaker Additions in the amount of \$1,990,631;

AND WHEREAS the Board by letter dated September 16, 2010, advised NSPI as follows:

In view of the cost of the project and the decision of NSPI to have a portion of the work carried out by its affiliate, Emera Utility Services, the Board considers that this request warrants a form of public review with an opportunity for input by interested parties prior to a determination being made by the Board...A copy of this letter is being sent to all interested parties.

AND WHEREAS the Board issued a Notice of Hearing to NSPI for advertisement in the September 22 and 29, 2010 issues of the Chronicle-Herald and provided copies of its letter of September 16, 2010 and Notice of Hearing to all NSPI Stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS the Consumer Advocate ("CA") filed a Notice of Intervention on September 17, 2010;

AND WHEREAS the Board issued an Order on October 15, 2010, setting the timetable for this proceeding;

AND WHEREAS the Board issued Information Requests to NSPI on November 8, 2010 and December 10, 2010 and NSPI filed its responses on November 22, 2010 and December 22, 2010 respectively;

AND WHEREAS on November 18, 2010, the CA advised the Board as follows:

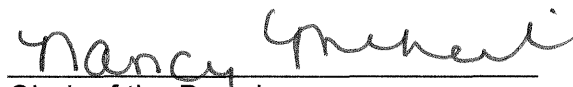
On further review, the Consumer Advocate does not intend to take an active role in this proceeding. It would be appreciated if we could continue to be advised of any formal steps in the process and, ultimately, of any decision rendered by the Board.

AND WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the applications and responses to Information Requests;

AND WHEREAS following a review of the documentation filed, the Board agrees that the projects are necessary to improve reliability of service to customers in the areas specified and recognizes that the affiliate transaction between NSPI and Emera Utility Services (EUS) in this matter occurred under the terms of the contract entered into by NSPI and EUS in Dec. of 2007, which expired on December 31, 2010, and there is no evidence before the Board at this time to indicate that the cost of the work performed by EUS is unjustifiable or unwarranted;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the applications for approval of Canaan Road to Tremont Transmission Line and associated additions in Kings County, Nova Scotia (CI# 38819 – 51V Tremont Circuit Breaker & Bus in the amount of \$7,452,511; CI# 33525, Canaan Road 43V to Tremont 51V Line in the amount of \$8,016,435; and CI# 11004 – Canaan Road Circuit Breaker Additions in the amount of \$1,990,631) are approved.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 21st day of January, 2011.


Clerk of the Board