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By E-mail and Courier

Ms. Lee Thomson-Lutz
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Dear Ms. Thomson-Lutz:

**NSPI Request for Approval of 2010 ACE Plan Work Order Less Than \$1 Million:
CI # 37722 – PeopleSoft Upgrade (P-128.10)**

The Board has reviewed Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s ("NSPI") letter dated and received electronically on July 30, 2010 (the hard copy received on August 3, 2010), requesting Board approval for the following **confidential** 2010 ACE Plan Work Order less than \$1 million:

CI # 37722 PeopleSoft Upgrade \$585,072

Board Staff issued Information Requests on February 5, 2010 as part of NSPI's 2010 ACE Plan, and NSPI's responses were received by the Board on March 5, 2010.

The Board accepts the confidentiality of the request and has considered NSPI's request in this matter and additional information filed by NSPI in response to Board staff IRs. The Board understands that the purpose of this project is to upgrade the existing version 8.9 of the software to version 9.1. The Board also understands that the existing version of the software will not be supported beyond the second quarter of 2011 and that this upgrade is required to maintain vendor support for software upgrades and patches.

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 \$585,072 with respect to this Work Order. The Board notes that the original PeopleSoft Time and Labour Module was also for the benefit of Emera and assumes, in approving this amount, that the above total costs will be appropriately allocated.

Yours very truly,


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

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