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Ms. Nicole Godbout
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Dear Ms. Godbout:

**Nova Scotia Power Inc. - 2009 IRP Update - Action Plan Status Report –
P-884 / Matter No. M03441**

This letter is further to the Board's letter of October 25, 2010 requesting that NSPI provide comments in response to a submission from the Ecology Action Centre ("EAC") on NSPI's Action Plan Status Report of August 4, 2010.

In its letter the Board indicated that it wished to receive NSPI's comments regarding the EAC submission, particularly the continuing relevance of the preferred reference Plan A. These points were addressed in the Company's response dated November 1, 2010. NSPI commented in part as follows:

EAC's comments seem to suggest that they desire the IRP to proscribe a specific course of action. This is not the function of IRP nor would it be the interests of NSPI's customers for a fixed resource plan to be established through the IRP process. The flexibility to amend plans to effectively respond to changing legislative, technical and economic factors must be retained...

The Board is in agreement with NSPI's general point. However, the Board is also aware that, in a number of respects, the actual course of events has departed from what was reflected in Plan A. To help it monitor the extent of such departures and understand the reasons for them, the Board is modifying the requirements for the current and all future Action Plan Status Reports as follows:

Each Action Plan Status Report will identify the instances in which demand or supply side resources have deviated from those included in Plan A. In each instance the reasons for the deviation and its effects will be explained.

The Board directs NSPI to supplement its Action Plan Status Report dated August 4, 2010, providing the information noted above. The Board wishes to receive the additional information **no later than Monday, December 13, 2010.**

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy McNeil".

Nancy McNeil
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk

cc S. Bruce Outhouse, Q.C., Board Counsel
Participants in the 2009 IRP Update

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