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Demand-Side Management Transition Plan – ENSC-TRAN / Matter No. M03452

On November 30, 2009 NSPI filed its 2009 IRP Update report with an Action Plan which contained the following two items regarding Demand-Side Management ("DSM"):

- Support pursuit of DSM consistent with the IRP trajectory and Board approved plans as interim Administrator until the new DSM Administrator, Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation, is operational, which is expected to occur by February 2011 in time for the proposal of the 2012 DSM programming plan.
- Following establishment of Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation, develop Terms of Reference for a collaborative working group that includes Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation, NSPI and UARB staff and consultants to support efficient transition to the new Administrator and pursuit of DSM investments consistent with the IRP and Board approved plans...

On January 22, 2010 the *Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation Act* (the "Act") came into force, establishing a new DSM Administrator, Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation ("ENS"). Sections 40 to 43 of the *Act* state the following:

40 The Corporation and Nova Scotia Power shall enter into a transition plan with respect to the manner in which the electricity demand-side management program will be undertaken by the Corporation and Nova Scotia Power.

41 The transition plan must address

- (a) issues of the transition of any electricity demand-side management program that has not concluded;
- (b) the transfer of funding for any electricity demand-side management programs to be transferred; and
- (c) the provision of information by Nova Scotia Power to the Corporation to permit the Corporation to execute the electricity demand-side management programs and transfer and assumption of any outstanding contractual arrangements related to the electricity demand-side management programs to be transferred.

42 The transition plan referred to in Section 40 must be approved by the Review Board.

43 (1) Nova Scotia Power shall pay to the Corporation an assessment, as determined by the Review Board, to cover the start-up costs of the Corporation related to electricity demand side management.

(2) Nova Scotia Power may recover the assessment from its ratepayers as the Review Board determines.

On August 30, 2010 NSPI and ENS jointly filed the DSM Transition Plan for Board approval.

The Board wishes to provide interested parties with the opportunity to review the attached DSM Transition Plan and to submit any comments for the Board's consideration **by Friday September 10, 2010.**

Yours truly,



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Attachment

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