



Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

Mailing address

PO Box 1692, Unit "M"
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 3S3
uarb.board@gov.ns.ca
Web www.nsuarb.ca

Office

3rd Floor
1601 Lower Water Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3P6
902 424-4448 t
902 424-3919 f

January 28, 2011

By E-mail: lee.thomson-lutz@nspower.ca

Ms. Lee Thomson-Lutz
Manager, Capital
Nova Scotia Power Inc.
14th Floor, Barrington Tower
P. O. Box 910, Scotia Square
Halifax, NS B3J 2W5

Dear Ms. Thomson-Lutz

**NSPI Request for Approval of 2010 ACE Plan Work Order
CI#34622 – L8002 Upgrade – P-128.10**

The Board has reviewed NSPI's application dated September 2, 2010 in which Board approval is requested for the following non-confidential 2010 ACE Plan Work Order greater than \$1.0 million:

CI#34622	Upgrade L-8002	\$2,222,693
-----------------	-----------------------	--------------------

NSPI originally filed an application for approval of this Work Order on April 30, 2010. On May 17, 2010, Board staff issued Information Requests ("IRs") 1-10. NSPI responded to these IRs on May 31, 2010. Board staff issued a second set of IRs 11-19 on June 3, 2010, which was not responded to by NSPI. However, on July 2, 2010 NSPI withdrew its application for Work Order CI#34622.

NSPI refilled its application with the Board for approval of Work Order CI#34622 on September 2, 2010. Board staff issued IRs 20-29 on September 14, 2010 and NSPI provided its responses on September 29, 2010.

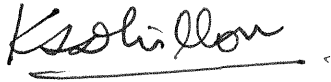
The Board has considered the information filed by NSPI in support of this application, as well as its May 31, 2010 and September 29, 2010 responses to IRs issued by Board staff on May 10, 2010 and September 14, 2010, respectively.

The Board understands that this project is required to increase the clearance from the energized conductors to the ground to meet the requirement of Canadian Standards Association ("CSA").

In some locations the clearance does not meet the minimum CSA requirement for ground clearances on a 345KV circuit. This project will ensure that operating ground clearances are restored and operating ratings can be maintained on this circuit.

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 \$2,222,693 with respect to this work order.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. S. Dhillon", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Kulvinder S. Dhillon, P. Eng.
Member