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By E-mail and Courier

Ms. Lee Thomson-Lutz
Manager, Capital
Nova Scotia Power Inc.
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Dear Ms. Thomson-Lutz:

**Nova Scotia Power Inc. - Fourth Quarter 2010 Capital Items and Capital Reports -
CI# 38266 – 2010 Protection Upgrades – (P-128.10/M03623)**

The Board has reviewed Nova Scotia Power's ("NSPI") letter dated on October 15, 2010 (hard copy received on October 18, 2010), requesting Board approval of the following Work Order:

	2010 ACE Plan	Deferral	Approved Amount
CI# 38266-2010 Protection Upgrade	\$2,071,661	\$1,758,330	\$313,331

Information Requests were issued by the Board on December 22, 2010, and responses were received on January 21, 2011.

The Board accepts, as filed, the portions of the work order that are marked confidential.

This capital expenditure was part of the 2010 ACE Plan in the amount of \$2,071,661 which was to upgrade the protection systems for all substations that the Northeast Power Coordinating Council ("NPCC") has determined to be classified as Bulk Power System ("BPS") substations.

The Board understands that the decrease in the amount requested results from the deferral of the work associated with the 91H-Tuft's Cove substation, but concentrates on the 79N-Hopewell and 108H-Burnside substations.

The Board is satisfied that the project is reasonable and the cost is justified. Accordingly, this will confirm that the Board has approved NSPI's request in the amount of \$313,331 with respect to this Work Order.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Doehler", written over a horizontal line.

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

c.c. Eric Ferguson, Director Regulatory Affairs

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