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By E-mail and Courier

Lee Thomson-Lutz
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Dear Ms. Thomson-Lutz:

Nova Scotia Power Inc. – Fourth Quarter 2010 Capital Items and Capital Reports – Request for Approval – CI# 38847 – 2010 Distribution Feeder Ties – P-128.10/M03624

The Board has reviewed NSPI's letter dated October 15, 2010 (hard copy received on October 18, 2010), requesting Board approval of the following **confidential** work order:

CI# 38847 – 2010 Distribution Feeder Ties

\$531,609

Information Requests were issued by the Board on December 21, 2010, and responses were received on January 12, 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 \$496,043. By Order dated May 11, 2010, the Board withheld approval of this capital expenditure, *inter alia*, until NSPI submitted a separate request for approval and provided the Board with appropriate justification.

The Board understands that the amount requested exceeds the amount in the 2010 ACE Plan, mainly due to increased costs of materials, which is offset by some decreases in labour costs associated with the project.

The Board understands this work order provides for the reconductoring of two sections of distribution line in the Windsor and Dartmouth areas. NSPI has advised that the project will help improve system reliability for customers through the addition of connection points between adjacent feeders. NSPI further advised that these locations were chosen based on reliability performance, customer population on the feeder, and physical proximity to each other.

The Board is satisfied that reconductoring will provide improved reliability for customers. 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 \$531,609 with respect to this work order.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberta J. Clarke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Roberta J. Clarke, Q.C.
Member

cc: Eric Ferguson, Director, Regulatory Affairs

By Email