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By E-mail and Courier

Ms. Lee Thomson-Lutz
Manager, Capital
Nova Scotia Power Inc.
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Halifax, NS B3J 2W5

Dear Ms. Thomson-Lutz:

Nova Scotia Power Inc. - CI# 38142 - RTU Replacement Program (P-128.10/M03625)

The Board has reviewed Nova Scotia Power's ("NSPI") letter dated and received on October 15, 2010, 2010), requesting Board approval of the following **confidential** 2010 ACE Plan Work Order:

CI# 38142	RTU Replacement Program	\$512,974
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Information Requests were issued by Board staff on December 22, 2010, and responses were received on January 27, 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 \$780,137. By Order dated May 11, 2010, the Board withheld approval of this capital expenditure until NSPI submitted a separate request for approval and provided the Board with appropriate justification.

The Board understands that the decrease in the amount requested results from deferring the replacement of two RTU's and from the selection of a new vendor.

The Board also understands that this project will sustain the cost-effective operation of the NSPI SCADA system by replacing RTUs that have experienced failures and are beyond their expected service life.

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 \$512,974 with respect to this Work Order.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Dhillon", is written over a horizontal line.

Kulvinder S. Dhillon, P.Eng.
Member

c.c. Eric Ferguson, Director Regulatory Affairs

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