

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: The Electricity Act , 2004. C.25

And

IN THE MATTER OF: Section 18 of the Renewable Electricity

**Regulations, N.S. Regs. 155/2010
(Renewable Energy Community Feed In Tariff)**

SUBMISSION FILED ON BEHALF OF

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- 1 The Electricity Market Governance Committee (EMGC) representing the views of a large number of stakeholders, made a number of recommendations which were endorsed by the Government of the day. One of these recommendations was to open the market to more generation by Independent Power Producers
- 2 NSPI must be given credit for initiating a voluntary process of procurement which resulted in a few wind farms built, in Pubnico, in Langan, Cape Breton and other parts of Nova Scotia for an approximate total of 60 MW.
- 3 The RFP process had many flaws: first it only rewarded the lowest hanging fruit with disregard for value, experience , financial ability to carry through and second it only chose a small segment of the bids resulting in as little as 20% of actual installed capacity versus amount bid.
- 4 Many opportunities to create long term value for Nova Scotia were lost. Energy that could have been bought at 65 \$ / MWH in 2004; for 85\$/MWH in 2006 and for 105 \$/MWH in 2008 and secured on fixed price terms for 20 or 25 years is now going to cost Ratepayers upwards of \$ 140/MWH.
- 5 Many stakeholders lobbied intensely for a Feed In Tariff similar to Ontario in order to open up the market to wider access by everybody.
- 6 An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the ACTS of 2004, The Electricity Act was given Royal Assent in May 2010. (COMFIT) Section 18 of the Renewable Electricity Regulations, N.S. Regs. 155/2010 Renewable Energy Community Feed In Tariff, was released in 2010 mandating among other things, the UARB to establish Tariffs in accordance with the Regulations.
- 7 The UARB engaged consultants (Synapse) to conduct an extensive stakeholder consultation process over several months. The consultants engaged with interested parties from all renewable resources categories in a very comprehensive and exhaustive manner, considering the difficult task of trying to arrive at average Tariffs that could satisfy a variety of sizes, technologies and applications.
- 8 Synapse presented its report to the Board, containing its best recommendations given the limitations it was constrained by. The UARB then conducted an open Hearing for 5 days and gave all stakeholders an opportunity to present evidence.

- 9 The UARB heard some interveners ask for lower Tariffs in some areas , others ask for higher Tariffs in other areas. We believe there is really no way that Tariffs can satisfy everybody all the time.
- 10 We believe however that the Tariffs proposed by Synapse in all categories, are fair, can generate a large amount of uptake by Nova Scotians and accomplish the purpose they were intended to accomplish.
- 11 We urge the UARB to adopt the Tariffs as presented by its own Consultants, Synapse, without delay and help fulfill both the intent of the law and of the vision spearheaded 10 years ago by the EMGC.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 18th day of April, 2011.

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