NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF the Application of the **Town of Berwick Electric Commission**, for approval of an amendment to its Schedule of Rates for Electric Supply

INFORMATION REQUESTS

To: Mr. Don Regan
Superintendent
Berwick Electric Commission
236 Commercial Street, PO Box 130
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From: Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

Responses Due by: Monday, November 22, 2010

Questions:

IR – 1 Please file the latest audited financial results for the Berwick Electric Commission. (Note: If already filed with the Board, please re-file so the information becomes a part of the record for this application.)

IR - 2 Please provide the total annual peak demand for billing purposes (kW or kVA), along with the month of occurrence, total annual MWh purchased, and total annual MWh sold, for each of the fiscal years ending March 31, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

IR - 3 Please provide total system monthly metered peak demand by customer class, for the period December 2007 through March 2010.

IR - 4 Please provide the number of customers by customer class as of March 31, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

IR - 5 Please provide total annual energy sales (MWh) by customer class for years ending March 31, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

IR - 6 Please compare and elaborate on General Demand coincident and non-coincident peak demands.

IR - 7 With reference to the proposed General Demand Time of Use Rate:

a) How many customers are expected to use this rate?
b) Please estimate the impact of the proposed Rate on annual coincident peak demand.

c) Does the new Rate require additional metering costs? If yes, please elaborate.
d) Please elaborate on the impact of the availability of this rate to the financial health of the Commission.

IR - 8 With reference to the proposed General Demand Peak Coincident Rate:

a) How many customers are expected to use this rate?
b) Please estimate the impact of the proposed Rate on annual coincident peak demand.
c) Does the new Rate require additional metering costs? If yes, please elaborate.
d) Elaborate on the impact of the availability of this rate on the financial health of the Commission. Please provide supporting data.
e) Is there a precedent for this rate? If yes, please provide details.

IR - 9 Based on the application, Board staff understands that the proposed number of demand control intervals in one fiscal year shall not exceed 24, and that the demand control credit will be based on the customer's demand reduction coincident with the Commission's winter peak:

a) Using an assumed behavior of a typical customer expected to subscribe to the General Demand Peak Coincident Rate, please show how the customer's demand reduction is calculated.
b) Does the Commission plan to send demand control signals to all customers subscribed to the rate at the same time? If not, please explain the method of customer selection.
c) Please respond to the observation that a customer's demand control credit may not be proportional to the customer's demand reductions and to the benefits customer's actions provide to the Commission.

IR -10 Is the availability of the proposed rates limited to General Demand customers? If so, please explain why these new rates are not available to other classes.

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