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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:

NSPI Request for Approval of Unforeseen and Unbudgeted ("U&U") Work Order Less Than \$1 Million: CI # 39602 - TRE6 - U&U Boiler Superheater/Reheater Repairs (P-510 / Matter No. M03716)

The Board has reviewed Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s ("NSPI") letter, dated and received electronically on November 24, 2010 (a hard copy received on November 30, 2010), requesting Board approval for the following U&U capital item less than \$1 million:

CI # 39602 TRE6 - U&U Boiler Superheater/Reheater Repairs \$608,704

The Board understands that during a regular shutdown of Trenton Unit 6 an inspection revealed that selective replacements and repair work was required in the superheater and reheater sections of the boiler. The work was completed at that time. The Board also understands that a delay of this project until the next planned unit outage in 2012 would expose Unit 6 to a high risk of failure, which would result in forced outages and additional replacement energy costs.

The Board has reviewed the information filed by NSPI in support of this expenditure and accepts that this project was necessary and the corresponding cost was justified. Accordingly, this will confirm that the Board has approved NSPI's request for the amount of \$608,704 with respect to this Work Order.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberta J. Clarke".

Roberta J. Clarke, Q.C.
Member

cc Eric Ferguson, Director Regulatory Affairs

By e-mail