



Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

Notice of **PUBLIC HEARING**

Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) seeks approval for a new Load Retention Rate to be offered in circumstances where it can be shown that the customer's option to leave NSPI is technically and economically feasible and that retaining the customer through a load retention rate is in the best interest of all other customers. This hearing will determine whether a load retention rate is needed and, if so, on what terms and conditions the rate should be available, including the process proposed by NSPI for determining a price.

NSPI's proposal and prefiled evidence may be examined during normal business hours at the Office of the Board and at the Office of the Secretary of the Applicant, Suite 1800, Barrington Tower, Scotia Square, Halifax. They may also be examined at NSPI's regional offices in Sackville, Sydney, Truro, and Bridgewater.

HEARING COMMENCES:
Wednesday, January 12, 2000
at 10:00 am

PLACE:
Office of the Board, Summit Place
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Everyone is entitled to attend the hearing. Persons wishing to have formal standing to present evidence or to cross-examine witnesses must file notice of such intention with the Board and with NSPI not later than **December 23, 1999** and must file their evidence, if any, not later than **January 4, 2000**.

Anyone wishing to speak at the hearing but not wishing to cross-examine NSPI witnesses may attend a special session, the date of which will be set by the Board at the commencement of the hearing. Presentations will follow the order in which interested persons notify the Board of their intention to appear, such notification to be given to the Board on or before January 10, 2000.

Persons wishing to comment on this proceeding may write to the Board. Letters should be sent to:

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