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320 Esplanade
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 7B9Ms. Nancy McNeil
Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
P.O. Box 1692, Station M
Halifax, Nova Scotia
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December 14, 1999

Re: Request For Formal Standing

Dear Ms. MacNeil,

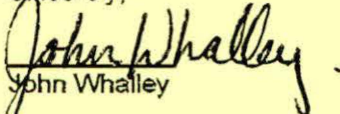
Please accept this brief note as a request on behalf of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality to be granted formal standing at the upcoming hearing regarding NSPI's application to the Board for a Load Retention Rate.

By copy of this letter, I am also notifying Mr. Smith and Mr. Gurnham, who are the indicated representatives of Nova Scotia Power in this matter, of our intention to participate in the hearing.

If additional information is required, I can be reached as indicated below:

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Sincerely,


John Whalleyc: Mr. Richard J. Smith, Nova Scotia Power Inc.
Mr. Peter W. Gurnham, Q.C., Cox Hanson O'Reilly Matheson**RECEIVED**

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