

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: The *Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N.S., 1989, c. 380, as amended,

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IN THE MATTER OF: An Application by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated for approval of a Load Retention Rate.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF SEMPRA ATLANTIC GAS INC.

1. Sempra Atlantic Gas Inc. ("Sempra Atlantic") hereby gives notice of its Intention to Intervene in the proceeding now before the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board with respect to the Application by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated for approval of a load retention rate.
2. The full name of the Intervenor is Sempra Atlantic Gas Incorporated.
3. The contact particulars of the Intervenor are:
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4. The nature of the Intervenor's interest in this matter is Sempra Atlantic's interest as the holder of a full regulation class franchise for the distribution of natural gas within Nova Scotia, together with the references in the Application of Nova Scotia Power Incorporated to the coming availability of natural gas as a justification for its proposed load retention rate.
5. Sempra Atlantic seeks formal standing so that it may present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and make submissions.
6. Sempra Atlantic also gives notice that it seeks an extension of the time for filing evidence until January 10, 2000. Sempra Atlantic seeks this extension of the time for the filing of evidence as:
 - (a) The Order in Council granting Sempra Atlantic its franchise was not issued until December 16, 1999, which was after the date of the filing of the Notice of Public Hearing in this proceeding;
 - (b) Sempra Atlantic intends to make Information Requests of Nova Scotia Power Incorporated and understands that the deadline for doing so is December 29, 1999. Given that Nova Scotia Power Incorporated will require reasonable time to respond to such Information Requests and Sempra Atlantic will in turn need reasonable time to consider NSPI's Responses before deciding what, if any evidence, it needs to file, there will then be insufficient time available to meet the originally scheduled evidence filing deadline of January 4, 2000.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 23rd day of December, 1999.



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