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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Doreen Friis
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk
Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
Halifax NS B3J 3S3

Dear Ms. Friis:

Re: M08059 – Generation Utilization and Optimization

The Small Business Advocate (SBA) has reviewed the revised Terms of Reference prepared by Synapse. While the SBA appreciates that Synapse has included increased Stakeholder involvement in the process, several concerns identified in our previous letter have not been addressed.

The SBA notes that while comments 5-7 on modelling may be dealt with through the assumption review process, comments 2-4 on modelling have gone unanswered. The most significant issue is that there is still no detailed information about the metrics that Synapse intends to use for its conclusions and recommendations. That is essential to understand when undertaking a review and has not yet been provided.

The SBA appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

Yours very truly,



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