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Dear Ms. Godbout:

M08929 - Integrated Resource Planning - (P-884)

This is further to your letter of December 16, 2019, requesting approval of draft Terms of Reference. The panel considering this matter is Peter W. Gurnham, Q.C., Chair, Roland A. Deveau, Q.C., Vice Chair and Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member.

Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NS Power) notes that it has worked with Board staff and Board Counsel consultants Synapse Energy Economics and Bates White Economic Consulting in the development of the Terms of Reference. The Board also notes that NS Power has undertaken broad stakeholder consultation and the results of that consultation were provided to the Board. NS Power stated the following in its letter:

The Terms of Reference document provides a framework for the IRP process, including objectives, a high-level overview of approach, and major milestones, but does not specify details that will be brought forward for stakeholder comment throughout the remaining IRP phases.

The Board generally agrees with that description of the Terms of Reference.

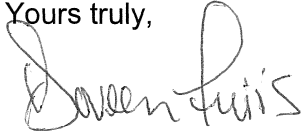
However, the Board believes it appropriate to provide, on a short timeline, an opportunity for interested parties to provide any additional comments to the Board on the Terms of Reference. The Board invites only those comments critical to the Terms of Reference as opposed to the other phases of the IRP. The following timeline shall apply:

**Comments by Interested Parties
Response from NS Power**

**Thursday, January 9, 2020
Friday, January 17, 2020 (or sooner if possible)**

In the Board's view it is important that there not be a significant interruption in the timetable outlined in the IRP.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Doreen Friis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "F".

Doreen Friis
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk

c: M08929 Participants (2020 IRP)