

August 10, 2020

VIA E-MAIL

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

Dear Ms. Henwood:

**Re: P-884 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) Resource Plan and M-08929
Generation Utilization and Organization**

On July 28, 2020, NSPI sought an extension of the date to file its final report from September 30, 2020 to October 30, 2020. In its letter, NSPI submitted a proposed timeline for milestone dates which was approved by the Board on July 29, 2020. In accordance with the timeline, stakeholders are given a period of two weeks to provide comments on the Draft Findings, Road Map and Action Plan and a similar two-week period to provide comments on the Draft IRP Report.

Halifax Regional Council adopted a Climate Action plan, entitled HalifACT 2050 in June of this year. The Plan provides a path for the Municipality to achieve a low carbon economy by 2050. A significant portion of the plan relies on replacing fossil fuel consumption with electric vehicles, electric heat pumps for buildings, and small-scale solar generation. Greening of the Provincial electric grid is a significant issue, as is the continued collaboration between HRM and NSPI to ensure the electrical distribution system in HRM can accommodate the changes that are needed to achieve our 2050 targets.

Considering the above, HRM wants to give both the Draft Findings and Action Plan, as well as the Draft IRP Report a robust review, but are concerned that this cannot be accomplished given the current milestone dates. The review of this matter is a priority for HRM, and while HRM does not want to delay delivery of the IRP it requires sufficient time to provide input. In order to accomplish this, HRM requests that the deadline for the responses currently set for September 9th and October 13th be moved out for an additional period of one to two weeks. This we feel would provide HRM staff with the required flexibility to complete a fulsome review and response.

We look forward to hearing from the Board and would appreciate consideration of our request given the future implications of the IRP for the Municipality as it moves forward with its own Climate Action Plan.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Roxanne MacLaurin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small horizontal line above the "n" in "MacLaurin".

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