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Dear Ms. MacLaurin

M08929 - Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) (P-884)

Thank you for your letter of August 10, 2020, regarding the IRP timeline. Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is requesting that the Board extend the response times for the Draft Findings and Action Plan by one to two weeks, and the Draft IRP Report filing by a further one to two weeks.

The panel assigned to the matter is Peter W. Gurnham, Q.C., Chair; Roland A. Deveau, Q.C., Vice Chair; and Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member.

Your request is based on a desire to review the extent to which the HalifACT 2050 report has been factored into the IRP analysis. The Board notes that on December 12, 2019, HRM's Energy & Environment Program Manager provided comments to Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NS Power) regarding the IRP Draft Terms of Reference, and also stated its appreciation for NS Power's "partnership and commitment in the development of HalifACT 2050".

In its letter to the Board dated December 16, 2019, NS Power included a response to the HRM comments. On page 2 of Appendix B, Exhibit N-4, the Utility stated that it "welcomes HRM's engagement throughout the IRP process to provide input on how NS Power's IRP might be informed by the HalifACT initiative".

It is the Board's view that parties which have been actively participating throughout the IRP process, and interacting with the NS Power IRP team during this process, will have ample opportunity to submit comments within the currently approved timeline, including the stakeholder workshop to be held in September 2020. Should HRM require additional clarity regarding the extent to which the HalifACT report has been considered within the IRP analysis, direct engagement with the NS Power IRP team may provide that clarity.

Recognizing that other matters before the Board are dependent on the results of the final IRP Report, the Board is not persuaded to further extend the filing deadline by an additional two to four weeks as requested by HRM.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jocelyn Asnor".

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