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Dear Ms. Sampson:

M11927 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. – CI 50518 – HYD Ruth Falls Main Dam Refurbishment - \$15,445,508 (ATO)

On June 18, 2025, the Nova Scotia Energy Board (Board) issued its decision in Matter M11927 Nova Scotia Power Inc. – CI 50518 – HYD Ruth Falls Main Dam Refurbishment - \$15,445,508 (ATO). The Board's decision stated:

The Authorization to Overspend application will be held in abeyance until NS Power receives the *Fisheries Act* Authorization from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Once the *Fisheries Act* Authorization is obtained, NS Power can file an amended application, which must be accompanied by a Net Present Value analysis comparing the preferred refurbishment option to the decommissioning option.

In a letter dated July 4, 2025, NS Power notified the Board that it had received the Fisheries Act Authorization (FAA) for the project on June 17, 2028 (a copy of the FAA was attached to the letter). Per the Board's decision in M11927, NS Power's letter also included an updated detailed dam refurbishment project cost estimate resulting from the finalization of the FAA process, and a comparative Net Present Value (NPV) analysis of the proposed dam refurbishment project to the decommissioning option.

NS Power is now requesting Board approval of an updated ATO for the Ruth Falls Main Refurbishment Project in the amount of \$14,839,116. This represents a reduction of \$606,392 from the Company's original ATO request.

The Board has determined that it is appropriate to have a process providing parties who participated in M11927 to review and comment on NS Power's updated ATO application. The following timetable has been established for this matter:

**Intervenor and Board Counsel Consultant
Comments/Submissions:**

Thursday July 17, 2025

NS Power Reply Comments/Submissions:

Monday July 21, 2025

The Board's Regulatory Rules will apply to this application, including Rule 7(3) with respect to filing by 2:00 pm on any date a document is due.

Yours very truly,

Pamela McGarrigle

for Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board

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