

NOVA SCOTIA REGULATORY AND APPEALS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF: AN APPLICATION by MUNICIPALITY of the County of RICHMOND on behalf of its WATER UTILITY for approval of a capital expenditure for water main replacement in the Louisdale water distribution system (Bennies Lane and Bennies Lane Extension)

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Pamela McGarrigle, Clerk of the Board

1 **Request IR-1:**

2 The Utility noted that this project has not yet been tendered.

3 a) Is the municipality's policy to award the contract to the lowest compliant bidder?

4 b) If the tendered amount comes in at greater than the \$500,000 currently in rates, and in
5 this request, will the project still be pursued?

6 i. If the project goes forward, and the cost is greater than the estimate, how will the
7 overage be funded?
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9 **Request IR-2:**

10 How many breaks has this section of distribution main had over the past five years?
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12 **Request IR-3:**

13 a) Is the 400 metres section of main estimated to be replace the full length of the distribution
14 main on Bennies Lane and Bennies Lane Extension?

15 i. If not, why was this section of the lane chosen to be replaced?

16 ii. If not, will the remainder of the main be replaced in future years?

17 a. If not, why not?

18 b. If yes, when is the utility looking to perform that work?
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