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Dear Mr. Daly:

The Mining Association of Nova Scotia (MANS) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the recently released document entitled, "An Approach to Regulating Electricity Sector Greenhouse Gas and Air Pollutant Emissions – A Discussion Paper." We applaud the Government of Nova Scotia for their commitment to reduce the footprint of Nova Scotians on our environment and will continue to welcome dialogue on how best to make this happen as we move toward fulfilling the various targets set out in the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA).

In terms of this specific discussion paper, we would offer the following commentary:

- In terms of power rates, we understand that choices will have to be made to achieve the environmental goals that have been laid out but we would question whether or not the cost of dealing with the regulation of greenhouse gas (GHG) and air pollutant emissions will simply be passed on to consumers. Certainly, in the mining industry, these costs will no doubt simply be passed down through the chain of demand for products that we all use every day.
- Given Nova Scotia's dependence on fossil fuel for electricity generation and the government's desire to reduce our per capita emissions levels, would this not be the opportune time to re-examine the nuclear option for this province. We are disappointed that the document discusses natural gas, renewable energy but fails specifically to mention nuclear power as a viable, safe, and clean power source.
- Finally, we remind Government that EGSPA also promotes the concept of sustainable prosperity and we would like to see measures that address this section of the Act incorporated into approaches such as the one we are discussing today. Perhaps investment in research and not just new transmission infrastructure could be incorporated into any go forward plan.

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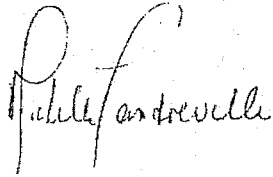
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In conclusion, we believe that government and industry must work together to provide an effective, efficient and reasonable approach to reducing GHG and air pollutant emissions. We also believe that phased in approaches would work best as they would allow for a thorough evaluation of options to be undertaken.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to be involved in this consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Landreville". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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