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Mr. Terry Toner
Senior Manager - Environment
Nova Scotia Power Incorporated
PO Box 910, Scotia Square
Halifax, NS
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Dear Mr. Toner:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Point Tupper Marine Coal Terminal

The environmental assessment of the proposed Point Tupper Marine Coal Terminal, Richmond County, Nova Scotia, has been completed.

This is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 13(1)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, pursuant to Part IV of the *Environment Act*. I am satisfied following a review of the information provided by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated, and through the government and public consultation as part of the environmental assessment, that any adverse effects or significant environmental effects of the undertaking can be adequately mitigated through compliance with the attached terms and conditions.

This letter in conjunction with the attached terms and conditions constitutes my approval. This approval is subject to any other approvals required by statute or regulation, including but not limited to, approval under Part V of the *Nova Scotia Environment Act* (Approvals and Certificates section).

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact the Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Mr. Chris Daly at (902) 424-4936.

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed By

Kerry Morash
Minister

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