

Web Account Policy Review - Public Consultation Comments

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project: Regulating Electricity Sector Greenhouse Gas in Nova Scotia

comments: The Ministry of Environment is encouraged to provide increased flexibility for NSPI to achieve its GHG, NOx and SO2 emissions targets via investments in non-regulated activities in Nova Scotia, which are capable of producing real, measureable, and verifiable emission reduction offsets. Allowing NSPI to invest in such offsets activities will: 1 Make an important contribution to maintaining competitive electricity prices in the province and 2 Initiate emissions reductions in other important sectors of the provincial economy industry, transportation, waste, etc.. With respect to the cement sector, potential exists to reduce GHG and air emissions through material and energy substitution activities, including the introduction of renewable biomass energy sources. Such activities, however, face an economical hurdle, which cannot be overcome absent external investment - such as might be provided through an offset incentive. Providing NSPI with the opportunity to investigate and realize such emission reduction activities outside of the electricity sector itself will provide benefit to rate payers, the environment and other sectors of the economy.

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