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Thank you for your correspondence offering the opportunity to provide input on An Approach to Regulating Electricity Sector Greenhouse Gas and Air Pollutant Emissions in Nova Scotia - A Discussion Paper, February 2009.

The Department of Economic and Rural Development (ERD) is, of course, an active partner in sustainable prosperity initiatives, and recognizes the important link between the environment and the economy.

At this time, ERD will not provide detailed feedback on this discussion paper. Our staff at various levels have the chance to offer input through participation on committees related to the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), and other initiatives supporting the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA) including Senior Officials. Should there be a committee formed to support this particular initiative, we would welcome the opportunity to participate.

Our department is not closely linked to regulation of the electricity sector. However, from an economic development perspective, we would look for rates that are competitive yet aligned with EGSPA goals. Companies in certain sectors seek rates that help support their competitiveness, but you will likely hear from them directly through your consultation process.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input and I look forward to hearing more about this important initiative.

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