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March 4, 2026

Terry Doyle
Landrie Lake Water Utility
606 Reeves Street,
Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia
B9A 2R7

Dear Terry Doyle:

**RE: Environmental Assessment – Little River Pumping and Transmission System Project,
Richmond County**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Little River Pumping and Transmission System Project, Richmond County, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This letter is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 40 of the Nova Scotia *Environment Act*, S.N.S., 1994-95 and subsection 13(1)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 348/2022, made under the Act. Following a review of the information provided by the Landrie Lake Water Utility and the information provided by the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, and the public during consultation on the environmental assessment, I am satisfied that any adverse effects or significant environmental effects of the undertaking can be adequately mitigated through compliance with the attached terms and conditions.

Please be advised that prior to the alteration of applicable wetlands or watercourses identified in the Study Area, you must apply for and receive the required Wetland and Watercourse Alteration Approvals from the Department. As well, you must apply for and receive a Water Withdrawal Approval. To determine application requirements for this Project and support efficient work processes, please work with the Compliance Division's regional office. Decisions regarding such approvals will be made based on the information provided at the time of application while applying the *Environment Act*, and relevant regulations.

In your Environmental Assessment Registration Document, you identified Species at Risk and/or their habitat within the Study Area. Also, the potential for Old Growth Forest and for transport of nonnative and/or invasive species between watersheds, was identified through the EA review process. It is important that you work with the Department of Natural Resources to address and mitigate these components through your Wildlife Management Plan. This will also help to ensure

that your project meets any requirements under provincial and federal legislation related to species at risk.

For questions related to wetland or watercourse alterations and water withdrawal approvals, please contact Lynda Weatherby, Business Relationship Manager, at (902) 717-3170 or via email at lynda.weatherby@novascotia.ca.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact Bridget Tutty, Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, at (902) 452-7891 or via email at Bridget.Tutty@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Halman".

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Encl.

cc. Bridget Tutty, Environment and Climate Change
Lynda Weatherby, Environment and Climate Change