



June 13, 2000

Mr. George Liparidis, Chairman & CEO
Sempra Atlantic Gas
1809 Barrington Street, Suite 1104
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3K8

Dear Mr. Liparidis:

The environmental assessment of the proposed Sempra Atlantic Gas' Nova Scotia Gas Distribution Project in the province of Nova Scotia has been completed.

This letter is to advise that, pursuant to Section 13(1)(a) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, I have determined the registration information is insufficient to allow me to make a decision and that I require the following additional information:

Clarification as to the arrangement between Sempra Atlantic Gas and the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works to use the shoulder of that department's right-of-ways as part of the proposed undertaking.

This information shall be submitted by Sempra Atlantic Gas, at their convenience, as an addendum to the original registration information. Upon submission of this information, I will have up to 25 days to make a decision pursuant to Section 13(1) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations. If the newly submitted information is determined to be significant, you may be required to undertake further public notification.

Sempra Atlantic Gas shall not commence the undertaking or any part thereof until the undertaking has been approved under Part IV of the Environment Act.

Yours truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Michael Baker, Q.C.
Acting Minister

cc: Hal Snyder, Vice-President