

ORDER

NSUARB-WW-HRWC-R-08(2)

**NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT**

- and -

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION** of the **Halifax Regional Water Commission** for Approval of a Schedule of Rates and Charges and Schedule of Rules and Regulations for the provision of Water, Wastewater and Stormwater services for the customers of the **Bennery Lake Water System** and the **Aerotech Wastewater and Stormwater System**

**BEFORE:**

 Kulvinder S. Dhillon P.Eng., Member

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS** the Halifax Regional Water Commission ("HRWC") made application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board ("Board") for the approval of a Schedule of Rates and Charges and Schedule of Rules and Regulations for the provision of Water, Wastewater and Stormwater services to the customers of the Bennery Lake Water System ("BLWS") and the Aerotech Wastewater and Stormwater System ("AWSS");

**AND WHEREAS** the application was heard by the Board on August 20, 2008, and the Board was pleased to render its Decision on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. With respect to the non-operating revenue, the Board directs HRWC to separate the expenses and revenues associated with non-regulated services from its regulated operations in its financial statements and ensure that these unregulated services are paying full cost of providing these services.


2. With respect to wastewater assets, the Board directs HRWC to recognize the assets which it acquired from HRM with the understanding that these donated assets are not to be included in the calculation of the return on rate base on a go forward basis.
3. With respect to expenses related to stormwater, the Board directs HRWC to periodically review the accounting system developed to ensure that costs are tracked separately and assigned to the appropriate system responsible for incurring these costs.
4. With respect to stormwater assets, the Board directs HRWC to recognize the assets which it acquired from HRM. A method to determine the appropriate share of stormwater assets can be determined, with the understanding that these donated assets are not to be included in the calculation of the return on rate base on a go forward basis.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Services, attached hereto as Schedule A, is hereby approved, as amended, effective the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2008.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Schedules of Rules and Regulations for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Services, attached hereto as Schedule B, is hereby approved, as amended, effective the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2008.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that name of the utility be amended from the Bannery Lake Water System and the Aerotech Wastewater and Stormwater Systems to the Airport/Aerotech System.

**DATED** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

  
Clerk of the Board