




NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE *PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT*

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by **HALIFAX REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION** for Approval of a Schedule of Rates and Charges and Schedule of Rules and Regulations for the Provision of Water, Public and Private Fire Protection, Wastewater and Stormwater Services

BEFORE:

 Peter W. Gurnham, Q.C., Chair
 Kulvinder S. Dhillon, P. Eng., Member
 Murray E. Doehler, CA, P. Eng., Member

AMENDED ORDER

WHEREAS Halifax Regional Water Commission ("HRWC") made an Application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (the "Board") for approval of a Schedule of Rates and Charges and Schedule of Rules and Regulations for the Provision of Water, Public and Private Fire Protection, Wastewater and Stormwater Services;

AND WHEREAS the Board issued an Order on the 5th day of January, 2011, approving Schedule A, Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Services, effective January 1, 2011;

AND WHEREAS Section 1(i) of the Rates for Metered Water Service, contained a typo for the 8 inch, minimum water monthly bill, such typo being \$1,077.06 instead of \$1,007.06.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached Schedule A, Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Services, Section 1(i), 8 inch, minimum water monthly bill be amended to \$1,007.06.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 6th day of January, 2011.


Clerk of the Board

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AND WHEREAS after due public notice, the Application was heard by the Board at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on September 13 to 17, 2010 and the Board rendered its Decision on the 17th day of December, 2010;

AND WHEREAS in the Board’s Decision, the Board departed from its usual practice of calculating the Schedule of Rates and Charges and Schedule of Rules and Regulations and directed HRWC to do so based on the findings in its Decision and to file a compliance filing for Board approval as soon as practically possible;

AND WHEREAS HRWC filed the compliance filing on December 29, 2010;

AND WHEREAS the Board reviewed the compliance filing and approved the Schedule of Rates and Charges and Schedule of Rules and Regulations;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Services, attached hereto as Schedule A, be approved, effective January 1, 2011;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Schedule of Rules and Regulations for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Services, attached hereto as Schedule B, be approved effective January 1, 2011;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board directs HRWC as follows:

1. That with respect to the proposed Availability Charge, HRWC is directed to carry out a consultation with stakeholders; do a more rigorous analysis; and include its results in the next rate hearing.
2. That a stand-alone cost of service proceeding should be conducted prior to HRWC's next rate application. Board staff and Board Counsel should meet with HRWC (and perhaps other stakeholders) to investigate a realistic timetable for such a proceeding.
3. That the process for the preparation of an Integrated Resource Plan for HRWC begin forthwith.
4. That with respect to HRWC's debt policy, HRWC is directed to undertake a complete study which examines an efficient capital structure; policies of other utilities; its longer term capital needs; and opinions which would result in an efficient funding mechanism which is fair to present and future ratepayers. The terms of reference for the study and the timeline are to be submitted to the Board within sixty (60) days of the Compliance Order for approval by the Board.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 5th day of January, 2011.


Clerk of the Board