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Jonathan MacDonald Project Engineer Halifax Water 450 Cowie Hill Road Halifax NS B3K 5M1

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

Re: Environmental Assessment – Halifax Water

Lake Major Dam Replacement Project, Halifax County, NS

The environmental assessment of the proposed Lake Major Dam Replacement Project in Halifax County, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This 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. 348/2008, made under the Act. Following a review of the information provided by Halifax Water, and the information provided during the government and public consultation of 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.

This approval is subject to any other approvals required by statute or regulation, including but not limited to, approval under Part V of the *Environment Act* (Approvals and Certificates section).

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact Peter Geddes, Director, Policy and Planning, at (902) 424-6250 or via email at Peter.Geddes@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,

Margaret Miller, MLA Minister of Environment

Encl.

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Peter Geddes