

## **Resolution 18A**

### **TRANSMISSION LINE CAPACITY (PASSED)**

⇒ District of Yarmouth

**WHEREAS** Nova Scotia Power's transmission line capacity of 69 kv is inadequate to carry substantial additional renewable energy produced in Southern Nova Scotia; and

**WHEREAS** Nova Scotia is a prime location for wind and tidal energy;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities approach Nova Scotia Power and the Provincial Government with the aim of upgrading transmission capacity in Nova Scotia to promote further renewable energy development in the region.

Forwarded to:

*Minister of the Department of Energy*

&

*Chief Executive Officer of Nova Scotia Power*

#### ***RESPONSE (from Department of Energy):***

*Thank you for forwarding the text of Resolution 18A passed by the UNSM at the September annual conference regarding electricity transmission line capacity in the District of Yarmouth.*

*Nova Scotia Power is on track to meet, or even exceed the renewable electricity requirements of 10 per cent by 2013 and 25 per cent by 2015. While we continue to encourage the development of distribution-level renewable electricity through the Community Feed-in Tariff (COMFIT) program, we do not anticipate that we will require any further large-scale renewable electricity projects before 2015.*

*Decisions on expanding transmission capacity are made on the basis of what is required to serve new and existing load. Nova Scotia Power will take all necessary steps should the District of Yarmouth require upgrades to the existing transmission network in this regard.*

*In the longer term, we understand that Nova Scotia Power is willing to work with municipalities in Southwestern Nova Scotia to explore alternative ways of integrating renewable generation in that area, potentially including energy storage. We encourage you to work with Nova Scotia Power and the province will review any findings and take them into account when setting longer term renewable energy plans.*

*The Honourable Charlie Parker*  
*Minister*  
*October 30, 2012*