

## AGREEMENT CONFIRMING ASSIGNMENTS

**THIS AGREEMENT CONFIRMING ASSIGNMENTS** is made effective the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014 (the “**A&R Effective Date**”)

### AMONG:

**NALCOR ENERGY**, a body corporate existing pursuant to the *Energy Corporation Act* being Chapter E-11.01 of the *Statutes of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2007*, solely in its own right and not as agent of the NL Crown (“**Nalcor**”)

- and -

**EMERA INC.**, a company incorporated under the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia (“**Emera**”)

- and -

**NSP MARITIME LINK INCORPORATED**, a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador (“**NSPML**”)

### WHEREAS:

- A. on July 31, 2012 Nalcor and Emera entered into the original versions of the ML Agreements (the “**Original ML Agreements**”);
- B. Nalcor and Emera entered into a Sanction Agreement effective December 17, 2012 (the “**Sanction Agreement**”), which provided for, among other things, certain amendments to the original Maritime Link Joint Development Agreement and related amendments to the other Original ML Agreements;
- C. pursuant to separate assignment agreements (the “**ML Assignment Agreements**”) effective January 28, 2013 (the “**Assignment Date**”), Emera assigned all of its right, title and interest in each of the Original ML Agreements to NSPML;
- D. immediately before the execution and delivery of this Agreement, Nalcor and Emera have entered into separate agreements (the “**A&R ML Agreements**”) amending and restating each of the Original ML Agreements and superseding the Sanction Agreement, effective as of the A&R Effective Date; and
- E. the Parties wish to confirm their respective rights and obligations under the Original ML Agreements as assigned pursuant to the ML Assignment Agreements and as amended and restated by the A&R ML Agreements;

**NOW THEREFORE** this Agreement witnesses that in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained the Parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION**

### **1.1**            **Definitions**

In this Agreement, including the recitals:

**“A&R Effective Date”** has the meaning set forth in the commencement of this Agreement;

**“A&R ML Agreements”** has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement;

**“A&R ML-JDA”** means the amended and restated Maritime Link Joint Development Agreement of even date herewith between Nalcor and Emera;

**“Agreement”** means this agreement as it may be modified, amended, supplemented or restated by written agreement between the Parties;

**“Applicable Law”** means, in relation to any Person, property, transaction or event, all applicable laws, statutes, rules, codes, regulations, treaties, official directives, policies and orders of, and the terms of all judgments, orders and decrees issued by, any Authorized Authority by which such Person is bound or having application to the property, transaction or event in question;

**“Assignments”** has the meaning set forth in **Section 2.1(a)**;

**“Assignment Date”** has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement;

**“Authorized Authority”** means, in relation to any Person, property, transaction or event, any (a) federal, provincial, state, territorial, municipal or local governmental body (whether administrative, legislative, executive or otherwise), (b) agency, authority, commission, instrumentality, regulatory body, court or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government, (c) court, arbitrator, commission or body exercising judicial, quasi-judicial, administrative or similar functions, (d) private regulatory entity, self-regulatory organization or other similar Person, or (e) other body or entity created under the authority of or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of any of the foregoing, including any stock or other securities exchange, in each case having jurisdiction over such Person, property, transaction or event;

**“Emera”** has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement and includes its successors and permitted assigns;

**“Emera Obligations”** has the meaning set forth in **Section 2.2**;

**“Energy and Capacity Agreement”** means the agreement dated July 31, 2012 between Nalcor and Emera relating to the sale and delivery of the Nova Scotia Block;

**“Joint Operations Agreement”** means the agreement dated July 31, 2012 between Nalcor and Emera relating, among other things, to the operation and maintenance of the Maritime Link, the Labrador-Island Link and the Labrador Transmission Assets;

**“Labrador-Island Link”** has the meaning set forth in the A&R ML-JDA;

**“Labrador Transmission Assets”** has the meaning set forth in the A&R ML-JDA;

**“ML Agreements”** means the Maritime Link Joint Development Agreement, the Energy and Capacity Agreement, the Maritime Link (Nalcor) Transmission Service Agreement, the Nova Scotia Transmission Utilization Agreement and the Joint Operations Agreement;

**“ML Assignment Agreements”** has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement;

**“Maritime Link”** has the meaning set forth in the A&R ML-JDA;

**“Maritime Link Joint Development Agreement”** means the agreement dated July 31, 2012 between Nalcor and Emera relating to the development of the Maritime Link;

**“Maritime Link (Nalcor) Transmission Service Agreement”** means the agreement dated July 31, 2012 between Nalcor and Emera relating to Transmission Rights on the Maritime Link other than in respect of the Nova Scotia Block;

**“NL”** means the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

**“NL Crown”** means Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

**“NSPML”** has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement and includes its successors and permitted assigns;

**“Nalcor”** has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement and includes its successors and permitted assigns;

**“Nova Scotia Block”** has the meaning set forth in the Energy and Capacity Agreement;

**“Nova Scotia Transmission Utilization Agreement”** means the agreement dated July 31, 2012 between Emera and Nalcor relating to the provision of transmission service by Emera to Nalcor through the Province of Nova Scotia;

**“Original ML Agreements”** has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement;

**“Parties”** means the parties to this Agreement, and **“Party”** means one of them;

“**Person**” includes an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a company, a trust, a joint venture, an unincorporated organization, a union, a government or any department or agency thereof and the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of an individual;

“**Sanction Agreement**” has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement; and

“**Transmission Rights**” means contractual rights to receive transmission service on specifically identified transmission infrastructure and transmission congestion rights.

## **1.2 Construction of Agreement**

- (a) Interpretation Not Affected by Headings, etc - The division of this Agreement into articles, sections and other subdivisions and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement. The terms “**this Agreement**”, “**hereof**”, “**herein**”, “**hereby**”, “**hereunder**” and similar expressions refer to this Agreement and not to any particular Article or Section hereof.
- (b) Singular/Plural; Derivatives - Whenever the singular or masculine or neuter is used in this Agreement, it shall be interpreted as meaning the plural or feminine or body politic or corporate, and vice versa, as the context requires. Where a term is defined herein, a capitalized derivative of such term has a corresponding meaning unless the context otherwise requires.
- (c) “Including” - The word “including”, when used in this Agreement, means “including without limitation”.
- (d) No Drafting Presumption - The Parties acknowledge that their respective legal advisors have reviewed and participated in settling the terms of this Agreement and agree that any rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguity is to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not apply to the interpretation of this Agreement.

## **1.3 Applicable Law and Submission to Jurisdiction**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of NL and the Federal laws of Canada applicable therein, but excluding all choice-of-law provisions. The Parties irrevocably consent and submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of NL with respect to all matters relating to this Agreement, subject to any right of appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. Each Party waives any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the determination of venue of any proceeding in such courts relating to this Agreement or that it may now or hereafter have that such courts are an inconvenient forum.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**CONFIRMATION OF ASSIGNMENTS**

**2.1**            **Confirmation by Emera**

Emera acknowledges, agrees and confirms that:

- (a) Emera has assigned, transferred and set over to NSPML all of Emera’s right, title and interest in each of the A&R ML Agreements and all the benefits and advantages derived therefrom for the remainder of the respective terms thereof and any renewals or extensions thereof, including, for greater certainty, all such right, title and interest in and such benefits and advantages under each Original ML Agreement, and that each such assignment, transfer and setting over (collectively, the “**Assignments**”) is effective as of the Assignment Date; and
- (b) nothing in any of the ML Assignment Agreements or the A&R ML Agreements constitutes a novation and Emera shall remain liable to Nalcor as a primary obligor:
  - (i) under each Original ML Agreement for liabilities and obligations under such Original ML Agreement existing or arising with respect to occurrences on and after the Assignment Date and prior to the A&R Effective Date; and
  - (ii) under each A&R ML Agreement to observe and perform all of the conditions and obligations in such A&R ML Agreement on and after the A&R Effective Date which Emera and NSPML are bound to observe and perform.

**2.2**            **Confirmation by NSPML**

NSPML acknowledges, agrees and confirms that it has accepted the Assignments and covenants and agrees with Emera and Nalcor:

- (a) to assume the covenants and obligations of Emera; and
- (b) to assume all liabilities for, and in due and proper manner, to pay, satisfy, discharge, perform and fulfill all covenants, obligations and liabilities of Emera arising on and in respect of matters occurring after the Assignment Date,

under each A&R ML Agreement, including, for greater certainty, all liabilities and obligations under each Original ML Agreement existing or arising with respect to occurrences prior to the A&R Effective Date and all such covenants, liabilities and obligations arising on and after the A&R Effective Date (collectively, the “**Emera Obligations**”) and that such acceptance and assumption of the Emera Obligations are effective as of the Assignment Date.

### **2.3 Confirmation by Nalcor**

Nalcor acknowledges, agrees and confirms that:

- (a) it has acknowledged, consented to and accepted the Assignments and such assumption of the Emera Obligations by NSPML, subject to the terms and conditions herein and in the ML Assignment Agreements, and that this consent constitutes any prior written consent stipulated in an A&R ML Agreement; and
- (b) such acknowledgment, consent and acceptance is effective as of the Assignment Date.

### **2.4 ML Assignment Agreements**

Except as otherwise provided herein, nothing in this Agreement amends or derogates from the provisions of any of the ML Assignment Agreements, which remain in full force and effect.

## **ARTICLE 3 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **3.1 Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Signatures delivered by facsimile or electronic mail shall be deemed for all purposes to be original counterparts of this Agreement.

### **3.2 Further Assurances**

Each of the Parties shall, from time to time, do all such acts and things and execute and deliver, from time to time, all such further documents and assurances as may be reasonably necessary to carry out and give effect to the terms of this Agreement.

### **3.3 Amendments**

No amendment or modification to this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by all Parties.

### **3.4 Survival**

All provisions of this Agreement that expressly or by their nature are intended to survive the termination (however caused) of this Agreement continue as valid and enforceable rights and obligations (as the case may be) of the Parties, notwithstanding any such termination, until they are satisfied in full or by their nature expire.

**3.5 Successors and Assigns**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

**3.6 Waiver of Sovereign Immunity**

A Party that now or hereafter has a right to claim sovereign immunity for itself or any of its assets hereby waives any such immunity to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law. Each Party acknowledges that its rights and obligations under this Agreement are of a commercial and not a governmental nature.


**3.7 Capacity of Nalcor**

Nalcor is entering into this Agreement, and Emera and NSPML acknowledge that Nalcor is entering into this Agreement, solely in its own right and not on behalf of or as agent of the NL Crown.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**Executed and delivered** by Nalcor Energy,  
in the presence of:

  
Name: James Meaney


**Executed and delivered** by Emera Inc.,  
in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Rene Gallant

**Executed and delivered** by NSP Maritime Link  
Incorporated, in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Rene Gallant

**NALCOR ENERGY**

By:   
Name: Ed Martin  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

By:   
Name: Rob Hull  
Title: General Manager, Finance

We have authority to bind the corporation.

**EMERA INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Chris Huskilson  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Nancy Tower  
Title: Executive Vice-President, Business  
Development

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**NSP MARITIME LINK INCORPORATED**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Richard Janega  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Chris Huskilson  
Title: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

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**NALCOR ENERGY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Ed Martin  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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Name: James Meaney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Rob Hull  
Title: General Manager, Finance

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Executed and delivered by Emera Inc.,  
in the presence of:

**EMERA INC.**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Chris Huskison  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

  
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Name: Rene Gallant

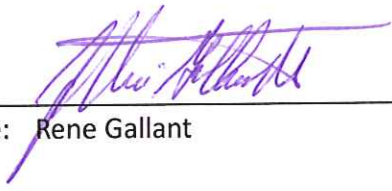
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Name: Nancy Tower  
Title: Executive Vice-President, Business Development

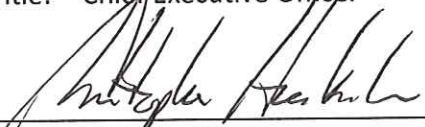
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Executed and delivered by NSP Maritime Link  
Incorporated, in the presence of:

**NSP MARITIME LINK INCORPORATED**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Richard Jahega  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Rene Gallant

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Chris Huskison  
Title: Director

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