

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA /  
Form F-N  
December 26, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM F-N**

**APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR  
SERVICE OF PROCESS BY FOREIGN  
BANKS AND FOREIGN INSURANCE  
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HOLDING COMPANIES AND FINANCE  
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OFFERINGS OF SECURITIES IN THE  
UNITED STATES**

A. Name of issuer or person filing ( Filer ): The Bank of Nova Scotia

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Name of registrant: The Bank of Nova Scotia

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Filed by: The Bank of Nova Scotia

Date Filed (if filed concurrently, so indicate): November 20, 2012, as amended

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- D. The Filer is incorporated or organized under the laws of Canada and has its principal place of business at 44 King St. West, Scotia Plaza, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 1H1, telephone (416) 866-3672.
- E. The Filer designates and appoints William R. Ebbels, Vice President, USA Regional Head of Operations ( Agent ) located at The Bank of Nova Scotia, One Liberty Plaza, 25th Floor, New York, NY 10006, telephone (212) 225-5000, as the agent of the Filer upon whom may be served any process, pleadings, subpoenas, or other papers in:

(a) any investigation or administrative proceeding conducted by the Commission, and

(b) any civil suit or action brought against the Filer or to which the Filer has been joined as defendant or respondent, in any appropriate court in any place subject to the jurisdiction of any state or of the United States or any of its territories or possessions or of the District of Columbia,

arising out of or based on any offering made or purported to be made in connection with the securities registered by the Filer on Form F-3 filed on November 20, 2012, as amended or any purchases or sales of any security in connection therewith. The Filer stipulates and agrees that any such civil suit or action or administrative proceeding may be commenced by the service of process upon, and that service of an administrative subpoena shall be effected by service upon, such agent for service of process, and that the service as aforesaid shall be taken and held in all courts and administrative tribunals to be valid and binding as if personal service thereof had been made.

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- G. Each person filing this form undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the Commission staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the Commission staff, information relating to the securities registered pursuant to the form referenced in paragraph E or transactions in said securities.
- The Filer certifies that it has duly caused this power of attorney, consent, stipulation and agreement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, Country of Canada, this 24th day of December, 2012.

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

By:

/s/ Jeffrey C. Heath

Name: Jeffrey C. Heath

Title: Executive Vice-President and Group Treasurer

This statement has been signed by the following person in the capacity indicated and on this 24th day of December, 2012.

As Agent for Service of Process for  
The Bank of Nova Scotia

/s/ William R. Ebbels

Name: William R. Ebbels

Title: Vice President, USA Regional Head of  
Operations, The Bank of Nova Scotia