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NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: **THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT**

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IN THE MATTER OF: Nova Scotia Power Incorporated - DSM Cost Recovery and Allocation

INFORMATION REQUESTS

To:	**Nova Scotia Power Incorporated** c/o David Landrigan By email: david.landrigan@nspower.ca
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Responses Due:	**January 25, 2016**
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Request IR-1:

Reference: Page 2, 2015 DSM Amounts. "For 2015, DSM was established at $35 million plus any remaining DSM balance from 2013. NS Power will expense the 2016 amortization amount in its 2016 operating costs."

a) Please confirm that the 8-year amortization will be based on $35 million only, and not the DSM balance from 2013.

b) What is the interest rate that NS Power plans to apply in the amortization?

c) Provided EfficiencyOne is able to borrow the $35 million to repay NS Power, and can do so at an aggregate cost (interest and fees) less than NS Power's interest rate, would NS Power be prepared to enter into an agreement with EfficiencyOne to amortize and repay the $35M together with fees and interest and amortized financing over the 8 year deferral period?

Request IR-2:

Reference: Page 4, 2013 and 2014 Balance Adjustments. "As referenced above, the 2013 amount has been applied to DSM funding in 2015. NS Power suggests that the 2014 imbalance amounts should be dealt with in a similar manner.… An estimated variance analysis by class is provided in Appendix B."

a) Please confirm that NS Power will deal with the 2014 Balance Adjustment of $8,518,030, by expensing the Net Contract Price of $24,691,970 in 2016, as provided in Schedule B of the Compliance Filing Supply Agreement (September 15, 2015).

Request IR-3:

Reference: Page 4, True Up Proposals. "Although true ups do not have a direct impact on NS Power, the Company supports the manner in which true ups were managed when DSM was recovered through a rate rider. Essentially, a customer class rate rider amount was based on E1's budget for that class and the true up would be based on the *budget amount* as compared to the actual amount expended by E1 on that class during the relevant period." (Emphasis added)

a) Please confirm that the above reference should say "actual amount collected" instead of "budget amount".