

Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

In the Matter of the Public Utilities Act

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by EfficiencyOne (E1) to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for Approval of a Supply Agreement for Electricity Efficiency and Conservation Activities between E1 and Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NS Power), the establishment of a final agreement between the parties, and approval of a 2023-2025 Demand Side Management (DSM) Resource Plan

Information Requests

TO: EfficiencyOne

FROM: Affordable Energy Coalition

RESPONSE DUE: April 29, 2022

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INFORMATION REQUESTS:

1. How will the proposed new Affordable Single-family Home Program (ASHP) be coordinated with the HomeWarming Program?
2. Do you plan to ensure that having a certificate of title will not be a requirement for eligibility for participation in the new Affordable Single-family Home Program for residents of African Nova Scotian communities? As you are aware, many homes do not have clear property title in African Nova Scotian communities arising from historically racist treatment of property title in those communities. This has created an artificial barrier to participation in HomeWarming and could similarly create an artificial barrier to participation in the new Affordable Single-family Home Program in those communities. There is a process to create clear title but this is a long slow process and in the meantime, requiring clear title means otherwise eligible families cannot participate in low income efficiency upgrades.
3. Is the ENS considering improved incentives for landlords that heat with electricity to improve enrolment in the Affordable Multi-family Housing and Non Profit Organization program in the

2023-2025 plan? The hot housing market is likely making it more difficult to recruit landlords to the program due to the contract clause requiring 12 years of capped rent increases to prevent renovictions. AEC fully supports the rent cap but is concerned that incentives must be sufficient to engage landlords with low income tenants.

4. Please explain what efficiency programming is available to public housing either within the proposed supply agreement or outside of that agreement.

Thank you

Brian Gifford
Affordable Energy Coalition