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Crystal Henwood
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk
Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
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Dear Ms. Henwood:

Re: M08929 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Action Plan

Nova Scotia Power Incorporated's (NS Power) 2020 Integrated Resource Action Plan (IRP) was filed with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) on November 30, 2020.

Section 7.2 of the IRP states as follows:

As set out in the IRP Terms of Reference, the IRP Action Plan describes the key tasks to be undertaken in the next five years to implement the long-term electricity strategy. These Action Plan items are built on the items identified as Key Findings, and further informed by the modeling results and observations.¹

The IRP also contains a Roadmap which states as follows:

As described in the IRP Terms of Reference, the IRP Roadmap is designed to identify signposts to monitor and decision gates to be addressed in order to enable the appropriate triggering of changes to the Strategy, based on future changes in the planning environment. As a normal course of business Nova Scotia Power will be updating its long-term planning regularly, including in between IRPs; the IRP Roadmap provides guidance on key aspects of that work. Nova Scotia Power has developed the following Roadmap items to establish variables in the planning environment to be monitored in order to understand when portions of the long-term Strategy require refinement or re-examination. Some of the Roadmap items

¹ M08929, NS Power Integrated Resource Plan, November 27, 2020, Section 7.2, page 112.

identified will require Nova Scotia Power to undertake additional work or studies during the Action Plan period, in order to determine the outcome of the uncertain variable.²

Item 8 of the IRP Roadmap describes the Evergreen process intended to refine the IRP Action Plan and Roadmap on an ongoing basis:

Continuously refine the Action Plan and Roadmap items via an evergreen IRP process. This process should facilitate annual updates as conditions change and technology or market options develop, and as Action Plan items are completed or significantly advanced. NS Power will include a summary of updates as part of IRP Action Plan reporting and will incorporate the opportunity for stakeholder comment and feedback as part of the update process.³

NS Power has committed to providing stakeholders with annual updates as conditions change and as the Action Plan items are advanced or completed. Enclosed is NS Power's IRP Action Plan Update which details the status of each of the items identified as part of the 2021 Action Plan. A copy of the Action Plan Update is also posted on the IRP website at <https://irp.nspower.ca/documents/action-plan-updates/>.

NS Power will be scheduling a stakeholder engagement session on February 11, 2022 from 09:00 am to 12:00 noon to discuss the Action Plan update and the process going forward for evergreen updates. An invitation to all IRP stakeholders will follow shortly.

Yours truly,



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² M08929, NS Power Integrated Resource Plan, November 27, 2020, Section 7.3, page 114.

³ M08929, NS Power Integrated Resource Plan, November 27, 2020, Section 7.3, page 115.