

January 24, 2025

Ms. Crystal Henwood
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk
Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
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Re: M11307 - Evergreen IRP Updated Action Plan and Roadmap – Schedule Update

Dear Ms. Henwood:

In the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board's (NSUARB, Board) letter of May 23, 2024 regarding the above noted matter, the Board provided the following direction to Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NS Power, Company):

The Board directs NS Power to file its next Evergreen IRP Update no later than January 31, 2025.¹

Following the NSUARB's direction of May 23, 2024, the Company complied with NSUARB direction and provided Evergreen IRP update materials on June 21, 2024. This update included updates on the IRP Action Plan items identified in the most recent Evergreen IRP. Following publication of the update, a stakeholder webinar was held on June 24, 2024. This webinar focused on updates regarding the Reliability Tie project and NS Power's Demand Response programming. NS Power also responded to questions from stakeholders on other Action Plan Items and published the corresponding presentation to stakeholders.² Following the workshop, NS Power also responded to various stakeholder questions received via email.

Subsequent to the publication of the June 2024 IRP Action Plan Update, many of the Evergreen IRP action plan and roadmap items were updated in NS Power's *The Path to 2030* report, submitted to the Board with the 2025 ACE Plan on December 9, 2024.

As directed by the Board in its Decision letter, and subsequently in its Decision regarding the 2024 10-Year System Outlook report of January 16, 2025 (M11764), NS Power has

¹ NSUARB Letter, Re: M11307 - Evergreen IRP Updated Action Plan and Roadmap – 2023, May 23, 2024, p.6.

² https://www.nspower.ca/docs/default-source/irp/irp-action-plan-update-2024.pdf?sfvrsn=182bf323_1

continued to execute on the IRP Action Plan items identified in the Evergreen IRP. In order to provide a comprehensive update to stakeholders on progress since the updates provided in *The Path to 2030* report, NS Power would like to inform the Board it anticipates providing its 2025 IRP Action Plan update by April 30, 2025.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Peachey', with a stylized, somewhat abstract shape.

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