

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 **NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED** for approval of an Authorization to Overspend in the amount of \$8,201,086 on capital application project CI 50518 – HYD Ruth Falls Main Dam Refurbishment, increasing the Company’s request for Board approval of a total project capital cost of \$15,445,508

BEFORE:  Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member

AMENDED HEARING ORDER

In Nova Scotia Power’s (NS Power) 2019 Annual Capital Expenditure (ACE) Plan proceeding, the Board approved NS Power’s capital application for CI 50518 – HYD Ruth Falls Main Dam Refurbishment, in the amount of \$7,244,422.

NS Power has now applied to the Board for approval of an Authorization to Overspend (ATO) on the project in the amount of \$8,201,086. If approved, the ATO will increase the total approved project capital cost to \$15,445,508. The Board has determined that this proceeding will be conducted by way of a paper hearing, but the Board reserves the right to convert it to an oral hearing if circumstances warrant.

Board Counsel Consultants, Midgard Consulting Inc. (Midgard), submitted evidence on December 17, 2024. On December 23, 2024, Midgard (through Board Counsel) requested the opportunity to clarify and expand on its evidence, to provide a more thorough and accurate evidentiary record in this proceeding. The Board has granted Midgard’s request. The Board received no other evidence from Intervenors.

The following amended timetable will apply to the remainder of this proceeding:

Amended Evidence by Board Counsel Consultants	Monday, January 13, 2025
Information Requests (IRs) to Board Counsel Consultants	Monday, January 27, 2025
Responses to IRs from Board Counsel Consultants	Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Filing of Letters of Comment by the Public	Tuesday, February 18, 2025
NS Power Rebuttal Evidence	Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Intervenor Closing Submissions	Tuesday, March 11, 2025
NS Power Reply to Closing Submissions	Tuesday, March 18, 2025

The Board's *Regulatory Rules* will apply to this application, including *Rule* 7(3) with respect to filing **by 2:00 pm** on any date a document is due.

The Notice of Hearing will be advertised by posting it on the Board website under Notices of Hearing and by NS Power on its website.

The Clerk of the Board will provide a copy of the Notice of Hearing and Hearing Order to the list of those interested in electricity matters.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 23rd day of December 2024.

Pamela McGarrigle

Clerk of the Board