

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE *PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT*

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IN THE MATTER OF an investigation pursuant to s.19 of the *Public Utilities Act* into certain matters arising from a **Joint Use Agreement** between **NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED** and **BELL ALIANT**

BEFORE:



Richard J. Melanson, LL.B., Member

HEARING ORDER

The Board received a complaint from Clarence Felderhof about the application of rebates related to pole installations under the Joint Use Agreement between NS Power and Bell Aliant dated March 31, 1993 [M11835].

The Board received a complaint from Seneca Shores Living Inc. in part about delay in the installation and removal of poles covered by the Joint Use Agreement [M11838].

The Board found that a review of these issues had potential ramifications that go beyond the interest of individual complainants.

The Board has, therefore, determined that an investigation pursuant to s.19 of the *Public Utilities Act* should be made into the following two issues:

- 1) Whether the Joint Use Agreement is unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory because there are different rebate schemes depending on whether an area is serviced by joint-use poles owned by NS Power or Bell Aliant.
- 2) Whether the provision of electric service connections and the disconnection and removal of service connections are being delayed or impacted by the processes used under the Joint Use Agreement.

This matter is to be considered in a paper hearing.

The following timetable will apply to this matter:

Notices of Intervention	Thursday, April 10, 2025
Board staff Information Requests (IRs) to NS Power	Thursday, May 15, 2025
NS Power IR Responses	Friday, June 6, 2025
Evidence by NS Power	Friday, June 27, 2025
IRs from Intervenors to NS Power	Friday, July 18, 2025
IR responses from NS Power	Monday, August 11, 2025
Evidence from Intervenors	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
IRs from NS Power and Board staff to Intervenors (if any)	Tuesday, September 23, 2025
IR responses from Intervenors	Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Letters of Comment	Wednesday, October 22, 2025
NS Power's Rebuttal Evidence and Final Submissions	Wednesday, November 5, 2025
Submissions by Intervenors	Wednesday, November 26, 2025
Reply submissions by NS Power	Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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

The Clerk of the Board shall distribute a Notice of Paper Hearing to Interested Parties with respect to the Electricity mandate; to the Board's Twitter account and publish on the Board's website.

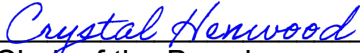
The Clerk of the Board shall provide Bell Aliant, Seneca Shores Living Inc., and Clarence Felderhof with the Notice of Paper Hearing.

Notice of this hearing be given, in a form to be approved by the Board, by publishing it in accordance with the following schedule:

Halifax Chronicle Herald: Saturday, March 29, 2025

The Cape Breton Post: Saturday, March 29, 2025

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 21st day of March, 2025.



Clerk of the Board