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Dear Mr. Williams:

M12177 – Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Integration Roadmap

In its letter dated May 12, 2025, the Board directed NS Power to file the Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Integration Roadmap report by September 30, 2025. In an update filed September 26, 2025, NS Power advised that it expected to submit the final report before year-end 2025.

On December 17, 2025, NS Power provided an update about its progress on the DER Integration Roadmap. It advised that more work with stakeholders and consultant Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors (Dunsky) will be required prior to submitting its DER Integration Roadmap report to the Board. It now anticipates the submission of the report for the Board's review by March 31, 2026.

NS Power advised that Dunsky facilitated a second multi-stakeholder engagement workshop held on October 31, 2025. Dunsky has proposed to develop additional detail and conduct additional stakeholder engagement. To that end, a third workshop will be held in mid-January following NS Power's general rate application hearing.

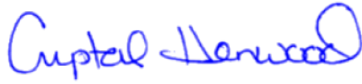
NS Power noted that it expects more work will be required on DER integration implementation planning after the report is filed, adding that there have been no objections from stakeholders about this approach. It elaborated on this expectation:

Given feedback received to date and the evolution of the DERIR over the last several months, it is anticipated that the DERIR will be initiative-focused leading to a directional report provided to the NSEB. The DERIR will establish suggested initiatives and timing, but is not intended to describe how, by whom, or with what resources the initiatives would be executed. The main purposes of the DERIR are to align stakeholders around shared goals, priorities and timelines, clarify the path forward, and be a communication tool to coordinate efforts and monitor progress.

The Board panel considering this matter is comprised of Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair; and Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair.

NS Power's letter is accepted as filed. The Board awaits the filing of the DER Integration Roadmap report by March 31, 2026.

Yours very truly,



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