

March 27, 2026

Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board
Nova Scotia Energy Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
Halifax, NS B3J 3S3

Re: M12177 – Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Integration Roadmap Report Update

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NS Power or the Company) submitted its most recent update on this Matter to the Nova Scotia Energy Board (NSEB or the Board) on December 17, 2025. In that update, NS Power indicated that it anticipated submitting the Distributed Energy Resources Integration Roadmap (DERIR) report for the Board’s review in Q1 2026. In its response dated December 23, 2025, the Board noted that it “awaits the filing of the DER Integration Roadmap report by March 31, 2026.”¹

Additional work with NS Power’s consultant, Dunskey Energy + Climate Advisors (Dunskey), is required before the DERIR report can be submitted to the Board. Through this letter, NS Power provides a progress update and respectfully requests approval to submit the DERIR for the Board’s review by June 30, 2026.

As outlined in prior updates, NS Power and Dunskey have been working diligently and have continued to advance the workstreams necessary to develop a complete and meaningful report. Key milestones include:

- Engagement of Dunskey to support development of the DERIR
- Completion of jurisdictional research
- Development of the DERIR framework
- Establishment of the DERIR scope, preliminary goals, objectives, and guiding principles

¹ NSEB Letter, M12177 – Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Integration Roadmap, December 23, 2025, page 2.

- Definition of DERIR pillars, strategies, and initiatives
- Completion of qualitative assessments of strategies and initiatives, including ranking and prioritization
- Development and execution of a comprehensive stakeholder engagement plan, including one-on-one discussions and targeted interviews, and the following three multi-stakeholder workshops:
 - Session 1 (June 2025): Introduced the DERIR context, scope, and process, and gathered initial stakeholder feedback on goals, objectives, guiding principles, and potential initiatives.
 - Session 2 (October 2025): Presented and discussed recommended strategies and initiatives.
 - Session 3 (January 2026): Provided additional detail on initiatives, including strategy and initiative definitions, qualitative assessment criteria, and proposed sequencing.

As the DERIR process has progressed, the broader context for the roadmap has continued to evolve through parallel regulatory proceedings and the ongoing transition of roles and responsibilities within Nova Scotia's electricity sector. The requested extension will ensure that the DERIR report reflects the outcomes of the final multi-stakeholder workshop and recent regulatory developments as appropriate, while providing strategic, actionable guidance aligned with the regulatory and policy context at the time of filing.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jessie Wallace".

Jessie Wallace
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