

March 31, 2025

Ms. Crystal Henwood
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk
Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
P.O. Box 1692, Unit "M"
Halifax, NS B3J 3S3

Re: M11621 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. – Smart Grid Nova Scotia Final Report - Decision Directives Compliance Filing – Distributed Energy Resource Integration Roadmap Update

Dear Ms. Henwood:

In its letter of December 5, 2024, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB, Board) provided the following direction to Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NS Power, Company):

NS Power proposes to initiate work in early 2025 on a DER Integration Roadmap, which also considers potential rate design issues and programs, and requests approval of an extension to file the update by March 31, 2025. The Board approves that request.¹

NS Power confirms that work has begun on its Distributed Energy Resource Integration Roadmap (DERIR). Work to date has been internal, and includes establishing an outline of the scope of the DERIR, establishing an outline of a stakeholder engagement plan, and issuing a Request for Proposal for expert third party consultation for this initiative.

The Company is in the process of securing an expert third party consultant in April to assist with finalizing the scope of the DERIR and to assist in stakeholder engagement activities.

NS Power intends to schedule stakeholder engagement sessions from May to July, or as necessary. The Company will be in contact with stakeholders in the near future regarding these sessions.

¹ NSUARB Decision Letter, M11621 - Nova Scotia Power Inc. - Smart Grid Nova Scotia Project - Final Report, December 5, 2024, p.1.

Feedback from stakeholder engagement will be used to inform a DERIR, which the Company intends to formalize into a report for submission to the Nova Scotia Energy Board for its information in the August/September timeframe.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Peachey', written in a cursive style.

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