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VIA EMAIL

Crystal Henwood
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Nova Scotia Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Henwood:

Re: M12247 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. – 2025 Evergreen IRP Action Plan and Roadmap Update

The Consumer Advocate has reviewed the 2025 Evergreen IRP Action Plan and Roadmap Update (the “IRP Update”) issued by Nova Scotia Power Inc. (“NS Power”) on April 30, 2025. The Consumer Advocate has also reviewed NS Power’s responses to Information Requests issued by the Consumer Advocate and other parties, along with the submissions filed by Synapse Energy Economics Inc. (Synapse).

On review of the information provided, the Consumer Advocate accepts the IRP Update as reasonable, and is generally supportive of the recommendations provided by Synapse. However, the Consumer Advocate has some additional concerns, which have been identified in a memo prepared by John Wilson on behalf of the Consumer Advocate, dated August 18, 2025. Mr. Wilson’s memo is included as an attachment to this letter.

To briefly summarize, Mr. Wilson has recommended that NS Power should be directed to initiate work on IRP modelling, particularly considering the urgency of proceeding with some level of fast-acting generation procurement. Mr. Wilson also recommends that NS Power should be directed to pursue other areas of inquiry and consideration in that modelling. The Consumer Advocate supports Mr. Wilson’s recommendations.

The Consumer Advocate thanks the Board for the opportunity to participate in this matter and provide these submissions.

Yours truly,

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Michael Murphy, on behalf of
David Roberts, Consumer Advocate

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