

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT**

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by **EFFICIENCYONE** for approval of the 2026 DSM Extension for Demand-Side Management Activities between EfficiencyOne and Nova Scotia Power Inc., and for Approval of the Amendment to the 2023-2025 Demand-Side Management Purchase Agreement between EfficiencyOne and Nova Scotia Power Inc.

BEFORE:



Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair
Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member
Darlene Willcott, LL.B., Member

ORDER

EfficiencyOne (E1) applied to the Nova Scotia Energy Board on April 30, 2025, for approval of amendments to the Board-approved 2023-2025 DSM Agreement necessary to incorporate legislative changes to the *Public Utilities Act* directing that this DSM Agreement be extended to 2026 with a plan cost of \$63,750,000 for the year. As required by the legislation, E1 also seeks an order approving performance targets for the one-year extension.

The Board issued its Decision on December 22, 2025.

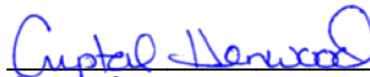
The Board approves E1's proposed performance targets for the 2026 DSM year and the amendments to its 2023-2025 DSM Supply Agreement with NS Power to incorporate the legislative changes and the approved 2026 targets.

The Board directs E1 as follows:

1. To continue its engagement with the DSMAG on the Standardized Filing Framework, a review of E1's "balanced plan", the relevant factors and weighing of factors for consideration in E1's next DSM Plan, and the impact of the Board's decision in Matter M12282.

2. E1 may include the energy savings related to its Residential Behaviour program and demand savings from its Residential Demand Response and BNI Demand Response programs for 2024 but must assess and address concerns with these programs in its application for its five-year DSM Plan.
3. To address concerns about its demand response programs in its consultations and upcoming application for approval of its new five-year DSM Plan.
4. To discuss with the DSMAG and include a revised process for making mid-course adjustments in its upcoming DSM Plan application.
5. To promptly identify any issues or potential issues relating to the impact of NS Power's cybersecurity incident on E1's operations and programming as they arise.
6. To include PAC test results for 2023-2025 in its 2025 Annual Progress Report and to report results for future years each year in its annual report.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 22nd day of December 2025.


Clerk of the Board