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Nova Scotia Energy Board
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ATTENTION: Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board
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Dear Panel Members:

RE: 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.

Please find enclosed the following document:

(i) Notice of Intervention on behalf of:

- a) Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO), and
- b) Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs (ANSMC).

Yours in recognition of Mi'kmaw title and rights,

Twila Gaudet, B.A., LL. B.
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Encl.

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: *The Public Utilities Act*

-and-

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.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION of
KWILMU'KW MAW-KLUSUAQN NEGOTIATION OFFICE and
ASSEMBLY OF NOVA SCOTIA MI'KMAQ CHIEFS

TAKE NOTICE that Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) hereby seeks to intervene in the above Applications and Proceeding, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs (ANSMC).

KMKNO is a registered society under the *Societies Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 435. It is mandated to support the ANSMC in the Mi'kmaq-Canada-Nova Scotia tripartite Made-in-Nova Scotia process, concerning the implementation of Mi'kmaw Aboriginal and Treaty rights. The Consultation Department of KMKNO provides research and facilitates and coordinates consultation for eleven of the member bands of the ANSMC. However, it does not represent Millbrook or Sipekne'katik First Nations.

ANSMC is an unincorporated association comprised of thirteen Chiefs of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw communities. It is the collective Mi'kmaw governing body for the province of Nova Scotia. It directs KMKNO in the Made-in-Nova Scotia process, and oversees the KMKNO Consultation Department in constitutionally-mandated consultations and accommodations.

The Mi'kmaw Nation in Nova Scotia maintains an interest in all lands, waters and resources of Nova Scotia, as the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia have never surrendered, ceded, or sold their Aboriginal title to any of their lands and waters in and around Nova Scotia. The Mi'kmaq claim title to all of Nova Scotia and are co-owners of the lands, waters and resources of the Province. Nova Scotia and Canada are aware of and acknowledge the title and rights claims of the Mi'kmaq and recognize that any potential adverse impacts to Mi'kmaw rights and title are subject to the duty to consult and accommodate.

KMKNO and ANSMC extend their support for the application by EfficiencyOne to the Nova Scotia Energy Board for the 2026 DSM Extension for Demand-Side Management Activities between EfficiencyOne and Nova Scotia Power Inc. The activities include Mi'kmaw access to efficiency programs (such as the Mi'kmaw Home Energy Efficiency Program), increased economic opportunities and a continued significant contribution of energy efficiency to mitigating climate change.

Contact information for KMKNO with regards to this intervention is as follows:

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DATED at Millbrook, Nova Scotia, this 20th day of May 2025.



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Chief Sidney Peters, Co-Chair
Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs