

June 9, 2025

Crystal Henwood
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk
Nova Scotia Energy Board
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Halifax, NS B3J 3S3

Re: Capital Items Filed Outside the Quarter Package

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Enclosed for your review and approval are the following capital items:

2025 ACE Plan Capital Items for Subsequent Approval

- CI C0067023 – LIN2 2024/25 Capacity Requirement - \$1,257,127
2025 ACE amount \$1,083,801
\$1,257,127 spent as at March 31, 2025
Non-Confidential

Final Cost (FIN) Capital Items

- CI 49790 – L5505 Replacements and Upgrades - \$816,588
Original approval received in the 2017 ACE Plan for \$1,223,571
Decreased spend amount \$406,983
Partially Confidential

Planned & Advanced (P&A) Capital Items

- CI C0073777 – IT - Complex Customer Projects - \$3,025,518
\$131,824 spent as at March 31, 2025
Partially Confidential

2024 ACE Plan – Routine Capital – Authorization to Overspend (ATO)

- Distribution Routines – Non-Confidential
 - D004 – New Customer Upgrades: ATO amount \$ 12,325,301
 - D005 – Unplanned Replace Deteriorated: ATO amount: \$ 6,940,441
 - D006 – Regulatory Replacements: ATO amount: \$1,633,405
 - D051 – System Performance Improvements: ATO amount: \$455,202
 - D055 – Planned Replacement of Deteriorated Equipment: ATO amount: \$3,721,703
 - D061 –New Customers - Residential: ATO amount: \$13,594,004
 - D062 –New Customers - Commercial: ATO amount: \$6,502,733
- General Plant Routines – Non-Confidential
 - P028 – Telecommunications Systems Replacements & Modifications: ATO amount \$ 320,826

Request for Confidentiality

Pursuant to Rule 12 of the Board Regulatory Rules, NS Power requests confidential treatment of certain portions of the material filed in support of the following Capital Work Orders:

1. CI 49790 – L5505 Replacements and Upgrades
2. CI C0073777 – IT - Complex Customer Projects

NS Power's support for its request is provided below in accordance with Rule 12(4):

Commercial Information

Item 2: Partial confidentiality was applied to costs associated with consulting details provided in the capital work order.

To protect value for customers and mitigate the risk of prospective proponents having access to the information itemized above, and maintain good business relations with vendors, this information is confidential.

The more a supplier is aware of NS Power's specific requirements and a competing vendor's costs, the better the supplier's ability to obtain the highest price, reduce competition and

ultimately increase the cost for NS Power and its customers. The cost of such transparency is not always immediately evident. Information from regulatory proceedings can provide competitive advantages over other suppliers, and that could be advantageous in bidding or negotiation. Higher prices, or avoidable contractual constraints, will result in unnecessary higher costs to customers.

NS Power seeks to keep the terms and conditions of suppliers pricing and arrangements confidential from their other customers or potential competitors. This prevents competitors from using the information to gain a competitive advantage. This is equally true for NS Power, which desires to protect its ability to acquire services and equipment on the most competitive terms. Those “best” terms may not be available if there is a risk that they will be disclosed to the customers or competitors of the supplier.

Since NS Power customer rates are cost-based, the maintenance of confidentiality for this item is to the direct benefit of customers.

System Security

Item 1: Partial confidentiality was applied to the one-line diagram included in the description of this capital work order.

The one-line diagram is confidential due to system security concerns. Protection of the power system preserves reliability and reduces the risks associated with external threats.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'LMyatt', is positioned above the typed name.

Lana Myatt
Senior Regulatory Analyst

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