

July 25, 2025

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Dear Ms. Myatt:

M12320 - Nova Scotia Power Inc. – General Plant Routines P028 Telecommunications Systems Replacements & Modifications – \$320,826 (ATO)

The Board has reviewed an application by Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NS Power) dated June 9, 2025, in which Board approval was requested for the following Authorization to Overspend (ATO) work order:

	<u>Approved Amount</u>	<u>Revised Cost</u>	<u>Variance</u>
P028 Telecommunications Systems Replacements & Modifications	\$673,933	\$994,759	\$320,826

The Board member who considered this matter was Jennifer Nicholson.

Board staff issued Information Requests (IRs) with respect to this matter on June 26, 2025, to which responses were received on July 18, 2025. In response to Board staff IR-1, NS Power provided a breakdown of the actual costs for this routine.

The scope of the project involved replacing or modifying various types of telecom equipment, as well as repairing and maintaining radio towers. In 2024, NS Power experienced higher than anticipated failures of aging telecom equipment and battery banks and performed additional engineering field reviews on radio towers that were affected by hurricane Fiona in 2022. This resulted in increased labour, material, overhead, contract and consulting expenses.

NS Power expects less inspections and field reviews and smaller scope of deficiency correction work in 2025. Therefore, NS Power anticipates the actual expenditure for this routine stays within the 2025 budget and will maintain its current forecast methodology for 2026.

The Board reviewed the information provided and approves the ATO in the amount of \$320,826 for this routine.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large loop followed by a series of wavy lines.

Jennifer Nicholson, CPA, CA
Member



NSEB APPROVAL SHEET

Project Title: General Plant Routines

CI Number: Various

Date: June 9, 2025

Expenditure Profile			Type of Filing
Year	Budget Amount	Project Estimate	☐ Capital Project Authorization ☐ Unforeseen and Unbudgeted (U&U) ☐ Planned & Advanced (P&A) ☐ Subsequent Approval Item ☒ Authorization to Overspend (ATO) ☐ Scope Change ☐ Final Cost (FIN)
P028	673,933	994,759	
Total	\$673,933	\$994,759	

COMMENTS

Actuals vs ACE for the year ending December 31, 2024

Telecommunications Systems Replacements & Modifications (P028)

2024 ACE (\$)	2024 Actuals (\$)	Variance (\$)
673,933	994,759	320,826

Submitted on behalf of NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED



Authorized Signatory
Dave Pickles
Chief Operating Officer

DATE
June 6, 2025

Approved on behalf of NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD



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