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Dear Panel Members:

RE: M12376 – Review of the Nova Scotia Power Performance Standards

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 Rights and Title,

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

Encl.

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: The *Public Utilities Act* and a review of the Nova Scotia Power Performance Standards

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

TAKE NOTICE that Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) hereby seeks to intervene in the above Application 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, 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 have an interest in the proposed Performance Standards for Nova Scotia Power. Performance Standards directly affect the reliability and resilience of electricity services across the province, including in Mi'kmaw communities. Given that many Mi'kmaw communities face unique challenges – ranging from infrastructure limitations to disproportionate impacts of outages – we have an interest in seeing standards that explicitly account for community-level resilience.

From a Mi'kmaw perspective, energy resilience is more than system reliability; it encompasses equity, community participation, community safety, continuity of essential services, and the ability to sustain well-being during climate-related events and prolonged outages. Performance Standards that do not adequately reflect these realities risk perpetuating inequities for Mi'kmaw households and communities. Accordingly, KMKNO and ANSMC seek to ensure that the consideration of Performance Standards incorporates:

- recognition of Mi'kmaw communities as ratepayers and rights-holders;
- the need for equitable service standards that address low-income services in remote communities;
- measures that strengthen climate and emergency preparedness for vulnerable populations; and
- opportunities to align Performance Standards with the broader objectives of reconciliation, resilience, and sustainable prosperity.

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DATED at Glooscap First Nation, Nova Scotia, this 26 day of September 2025.



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