

**NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER of the MORE ACCESS TO ENERGY ACT**

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**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION** by the **NOVA SCOTIA INDEPENDENT ENERGY SYSTEM OPERATOR** for approval of its proposed expenditure and revenue requirement for the test year ending March 31, 2026

**BEFORE:**

 Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair  
 Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair  
Jennifer L. Nicholson, CPA, CA

**HEARING ORDER**

The Nova Scotia Independent Energy System Operator (NSIESO) applied to the Nova Scotia Energy Board on August 5, 2025, under s. 29 of the *More Access to Energy Act*, for approval of its proposed expenditure and revenue requirement for its initial test year ending March 31, 2026.

The application requests approval of the following:

- Its operational, maintenance and administrative (OM&A) expenses of \$6,751,287 as its proposed expenditure and revenue requirement for its initial test year ending March 31, 2026; and, after the application of Provincial funding, a net OM&A cost of \$5.3 million; and
- The NSIESO seeks to record any positive or negative variance between its forecast and actual net ongoing OM&A expenses during the period ending March 31, 2026, and any one-time transition costs that exceed the Provincial funding, in a Net OM&A Deferral and Variance Account.

The Board orders that:

1. The following timetable will apply to this proceeding:

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| Notices of Intervention                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Thursday, August 28, 2025</b>    |
| Information Requests (IRs) to NSIESO                                                                                                                                     | <b>Tuesday, September 16, 2025</b>  |
| Responses to IRs from NSIESO                                                                                                                                             | <b>Tuesday, October 7, 2025</b>     |
| Evidence by Intervenors and Board Counsel Consultants (if any)                                                                                                           | <b>Tuesday, October 28, 2025</b>    |
| Deadline to request oral hearing or oral closing submissions                                                                                                             | <b>Tuesday, November 4, 2025</b>    |
| Information Requests (IRs) to Intervenors and Board Counsel Consultants (if any)                                                                                         | <b>Wednesday, November 19, 2025</b> |
| Filing of Letters of Comment by the Public                                                                                                                               | <b>Wednesday, November 19, 2025</b> |
| Responses to IRs from Intervenors and Board Counsel consultants (if any)                                                                                                 | <b>Tuesday, December 9, 2025</b>    |
| NSIESO Rebuttal Evidence                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Monday, December 22, 2025</b>    |
| The remaining timeline assumes that leave to hold an oral hearing or oral closing submissions has not been granted and will need to be adjusted if that is not the case. |                                     |
| Written Submissions by Intervenors                                                                                                                                       | <b>Thursday, January 15, 2026</b>   |
| Written Reply Submissions by NSIESO                                                                                                                                      | <b>Thursday, January 29, 2026</b>   |

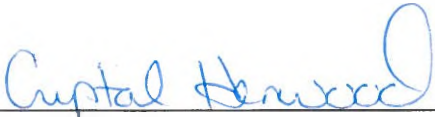
2. The *Board's Regulatory Rules* will apply to this application, including Rule 7(3) with respect to filing by **2:00 pm** on any date a document is due.

The attached Notice of Hearing shall be advertised as follows:

Halifax Chronicle-Herald: **Wednesday, August 13, 2025**  
**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

3. The Clerk of the Board will provide a copy of the Notice of Hearing and Hearing Order to the list of those interested in electricity matters. The Clerk shall also post the Notice of Hearing on the Board's website under Notices of Hearing and on its social media accounts.

**DATED** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

  
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Clerk of the Board