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VIA E-FILING

Nova Scotia Energy Board
3rd Floor, Summit Place
1601 Lower Water Street
Halifax, NS B3J 3P6

Dear Nova Scotia Energy Board:

Re: M12412 IESO NS 2025-2026 Expenditure Forecast and Revenue Requirement Application
Request for Board Only Confidential Treatment of Certain Information

The Nova Scotia Independent Energy System Operator ("IESO Nova Scotia") is filing with the Nova Scotia Energy Board (the "Board") its responses to the Information Requests ("IR") received from Intervenors and the Board staff on September 16, 2025, in response to its 2025-2026 Expenditure Forecast and Revenue Requirement Application. IESO Nova Scotia hereby requests Board approval to treat certain information contained in its IR responses confidentially.

To promote a high level of public transparency, IESO Nova Scotia has attempted to minimize the information for which it seeks confidential treatment.

As such, IESO Nova Scotia requests Board only confidential treatment for only two types of information in its IR responses – third party proprietary information and personnel information. The rationale for each type of confidential information is as follows:

1. ***Third Party Proprietary Information***

This is information belonging to third parties for which those third parties have asserted confidentiality over proprietary cost and technical information.

2. *Personnel Information*

Good human resource practices and privacy legislation require IESO Nova Scotia to protect certain confidential personnel information and documentation from disclosure. Information relating to salaries, either individually or in aggregate, that can identify an employee's salary is confidential. Additionally, the personal contact information of Board members and employees is confidential, in order to protect the personal privacy of the individual.

As outlined in the chart below, IESO Nova Scotia is seeking partial confidentiality with respect to two responses. The applicable reason and justification for its claim for confidentiality is set out in the chart.

Doane Grant Thornton ("DGT") IRs

IR	Confidentiality Status	Justification
DGT IR – 1	Partially Confidential (attachment only)	***Third Party Proprietary Information***: A portion of the "OM&A Detail" attachment outlining the underlying financial forecast excel document in the DGT IR – 1 Response is confidential on the basis that it contains third party proprietary information. Specifically, the forecast contains: - Sensitive financial information related to potential land acquisitions to support an upcoming competitive resource procurement process. Disclosure of this information could prejudice the competitive position of IESO Nova Scotia in future negotiations. - Sensitive financial and other information for the holder of a capacity contract with IESO Nova Scotia, and is subject to confidentiality provisions with IESO Nova Scotia. Vendor identity and pricing information is commercially sensitive and if disclosed, could prejudice the competitive position of the vendor in future negotiations for similar services. Disclosure of this information could also prejudice the competitiveness of future IESO Nova Scotia procurements as other vendors may use the existing unit costs and

		hourly rates as an approximate floor price. ***Personnel Information***: A portion of the "OM&A Detail" attachment in the DGT IR – 1 Response is confidential on the basis that it contains personal identifying information such as detailed salaries and benefits for prospective IESO Nova Scotia employees. As noted above, the salary information of IESO Nova Scotia employees must be treated confidentially to align with good human resource practices as well as the requirements under provincial privacy legislation. In addition, disclosure of the information at this time would prejudice the negotiating position of IESO Nova Scotia when recruiting employees.
DGT IR – 5	Partially Confidential (attachment only)	***Personnel Information***: A portion of the "Contribution Agreement" attachment in the DGT IR – 5 Response is confidential on the basis that it contains personal identifying information such as the personal emails and phone numbers of IESO Nova Scotia board members or employees. Releasing a board member or employee's personal contact information may amount to an infringement of that individual's personal privacy. Additionally, this information is not relevant because it will not provide any assistance to the Board or intervenors in resolving any of the issues that are part of this proceeding.

The confidential information outlined above has been redacted in the public version of the IR responses filed with the Board. The Board has been provided with an unredacted copy.

If the Board has any questions or concerns, please to do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully yours,
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