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NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: **THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT**

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IN THE MATTER OF: **AN APPLICATION** by **NOVA SCOTIA POWER INC**. to approve CI C0067183 – TUC Wharf Access Bridge Replacement - $2,426,669 (U&U)

INFORMATION REQUESTS

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for Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

Request IR-1:

The total project cost submitted in this application is estimated at $2,426,669, compared to the 2025 ACE plan estimate of $927,528. Please explain the factors contributing to this increase in projected costs.

Request IR-2:

Given that the wharf capacity has already been derated, what mitigation measures are in place to ensure safety and continuity of operations until replacement completion?

Request IR-3:

a) In the application NS Power states that two design alternatives were evaluated. Please provide more detail on the life cycle cost comparison, including differences in maintenance, expected service life, and resilience to environmental factors such as corrosion and sea level rise.
b) How was the “more economical” option determined? Was this based on initial capital cost or the total lifecycle cost of the asset?

Request IR-4:

What design features or provisions are being incorporated to ensure the wharf’s future adaptability, such as accommodating changes in vessel configurations or addressing sea level rise?

Request IR-5:

a) Given that concrete condition is a key uncertainty, what is the plan for managing potential scope growth if deterioration proves worse than expected during demolition?
b) Based on current market and economic conditions, does NS Power anticipate any material changes to project costs related to steel pricing, supply volatility, tariffs, surtaxes, and duties that could affect the final project price?
c) Are there any regulatory, environmental, or permitting risks that could affect schedule or cost?

Request IR-6:

Please explain how the contractor was selected, including the type of procurement process used, how costs and project risks were evaluated.

Request IR-7:

Will the contractor be responsible for both demolition and reconstruction under a single contract?

Request IR-8:

a) What environmental risks have been identified and how will these be mitigated during construction?

b) How will environmental responsibilities and compliance be allocated between NS Power and the contractor, particularly for areas excluded from the contractor's scope?