

BEFORE THE NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF *The Public Utilities Act, R.S.N.S. 1989, c.380* as amended

- and -

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated for approval of certain revisions to its Rates, Charges and Regulations (2026 General Rate Application)

**REPLY SUBMISSIONS OF
THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Small Business Advocate (SBA) has reviewed the closing submissions of Nova Scotia Power Inc. and the various intervenors in this matter and has the following reply submissions.

In closing submissions filed in this matter, there were multiple references to the Application's impact on the Domestic class. As was covered in the evidence, and discussed at the hearing, this Application results in an impact to all classes, to varying degrees and in different ways. The SBA respectfully submits that the Board must balance the interests of all ratepayers and rates classes, something that was considered by the representatives as part of the Settlement Agreement.

It appears that new issues have been raised by various intervenors in their closing submissions that were not presented as evidence or tested through cross-examination. The SBA respectfully submits that the issues before the Board are those that formed part of the Application and have been properly considered and tested, including those issues raised through information requests and evidence.

The Board has been provided with both the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the Application that reflects those terms. The SBA respectfully submits the Board's focus in evaluating the Application is not about assessing the way in which the terms of the Settlement Agreement were reached but rather whether the Application is just, reasonable and in the public interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these reply submissions.

Dated at Bedford, Nova Scotia, this 6th day of February, 2026.



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