

NS Power General Rate Application

Request for Confidential Treatment

There are four types of information for which NS Power requests confidential treatment.

1. Commercial Information

To protect value for customers and mitigate the risk of prospective proponents having access to the information contained in this Application, and maintain good business relations with vendors, this information is confidential.

The more a supplier is aware of NS Power's specific requirements, budgets, forecasts, or a competing vendor's costs, the better the supplier's ability to obtain the highest price, reduce competition and ultimately increase the cost for NS Power and its customers. The cost of such transparency is not always immediately evident. Information from regulatory proceedings can provide competitive advantages over other suppliers, and that could be advantageous in bidding or negotiation. Higher prices, or avoidable contractual constraints, will result in unnecessarily higher costs to customers.

NS Power seeks to keep the terms and conditions of suppliers pricing and arrangements confidential from their other customers or potential competitors. This prevents competitors from using the information to gain a competitive advantage. This is equally true for NS Power, which desires to protect its ability to acquire services and equipment on the most competitive terms. Those "best" terms may not be available if there is a risk that they will be disclosed to the customers or competitors of the supplier.

This category includes fuel procurement information, plant characteristics which are confidential, and customer-specific information.

This category also includes NS Power's internal budget information. This information is commercially sensitive as it includes business information not publicly disclosed. Knowledge of these details would allow a sophisticated reader, or the investment community, to speculate on the activities and financial results of the Company.

Since NS Power customer rates are cost-based, the maintenance of confidentiality for this item is to the direct benefit of customers.

2. 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.

3. Personnel Information – Board Confidential

Good human resource practices and privacy legislation require NS Power 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 Board Confidential.

4. System security

Information about system security measures planned or in place at NS Power is confidential. Treating this information as confidential reduces the risks associated with external threats.

Confidentiality indications in these materials:

- Non-Confidential information is publicly available (and is not in the list below)
- General confidential information is highlighted in grey in **Partially Confidential** portions of this Application and is redacted in the public (Non-Confidential) version of the report. It may be viewed by anyone for whom NS Power has accepted the Board-approved Confidential Undertaking for this proceeding. General confidential information is also provided in **Fully Confidential** portions of this Application and is fully redacted (by being removed) in the public (Non-Confidential) version of the documents. It may be viewed by anyone for whom NS Power has accepted the Board-approved Confidential Undertaking for this proceeding.
- Board Partially Confidential information has some information highlighted in yellow and can only be viewed by the Board. Board Partially Confidential information appears completely redacted in the General Confidential and public (Non-Confidential) versions of the Application,

Direct Evidence

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Partially Confidential Appendix 05A	(1)
2)	Confidential Appendix 05B	(1)
3)	Partially Confidential Appendix 07A	(4)
4)	Partially Confidential Appendix 07C	(1)
5)	Partially Confidential Appendix 07D	(1)
6)	Board Partially Confidential Appendix 07E	(3)
7)	Partially Confidential Appendix 8C	(1)
8)	Partially Confidential Appendix 12A	(1)
9)	Partially Confidential Appendix 12C	(1)(2)

Studies and Reports

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Partially Confidential SR-01 Attachment 2	(1)
2)	Partially Confidential SR-01 Attachment 3	(1)
3)	Partially Confidential SR-01 Attachment 6	(1)
4)	Partially Confidential SR-02 Attachment 1	(1)

Organization Profile

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Partially Confidential OP-01 Attachment 5	(1)
2)	Confidential OP-05 Attachment 1	(1)
3)	Confidential OP-05 Attachment 2	(1)
4)	Partially Confidential OP-06 Attachment 1	(1)
5)	Partially Confidential OP-06 Attachment 2	(1)
6)	Confidential OP-08 Attachment 1	(1)
7)	Confidential OP-12 Attachment 3	(2)

Financial Outlook

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Partially Confidential FOR-01 Attachment 1	(1)
2)	Partially Confidential FOR-02 Attachment 1	(1)
3)	Partially Confidential FOR-03 Attachment 1	(1)
4)	Partially Confidential FOR-04 Attachment 1	(1)
5)	Partially Confidential FOR-05 Attachment 1	(1)
6)	Partially Confidential FOR-06 Attachment 1	(1)
7)	Partially Confidential FOR-07 Attachment 1	(1)
8)	Partially Confidential FOR-08 Attachment 1	(1)
9)	Partially Confidential FOR-11 Attachment 1	(1)
10)	Partially Confidential FOR-12 Attachment 1	(1)

11)	Partially Confidential FOR-13 Attachment 1	(1)
12)	Partially Confidential FOR-14 Attachment 1	(1)

Rate Base

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Partially Confidential RB-01 Attachment 1	(1)
2)	Partially Confidential RB-02-RB-16 Attachment 1	(1)
3)	Confidential RB-02-RB-16 Attachment 2	(1) (2)

Depreciation and Amortization Expense and accumulated reserves

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Partially Confidential DA-02 Attachment 1	(1)
2)	Partially Confidential DA-03 Attachment 1	(1)
3)	Partially Confidential DA-04 Attachment 1	(1)

Operating Revenues

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Partially Confidential OR-05	(1)

Operating Expenses

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Confidential OE-01A Attachment 1	(1)
2)	Confidential OE-01A Attachment 2	(1)
3)	Confidential OE-01A Attachment 3	(1)
4)	Confidential OE-01C Attachment 1	(1)
5)	Confidential OE-01C Attachment 2	(1)

6)	Confidential OE-01D Attachment 1	(1)
7)	Confidential OE-01E Attachment 1	(1)
8)	Confidential OE-01F Attachment 1	(1)
9)	Confidential OE-01H Attachment 1	(1)
10)	Confidential OE-01I Attachment 1	(1)
11)	Confidential OE-01J Attachment 1	(1)
12)	Confidential OE-01K Attachment 1	(1)
13)	Confidential OE-01L Attachment 1	(1)
14)	Partially Confidential OE-01M	(1)
15)	Confidential OE-01N Attachment 1	(1) (2)
16)	Confidential OE-01Q Attachment 1	(1)
17)	Partially Confidential OE-01R Attachment 1	(1)
18)	Partially Confidential OE-02-OE-09 Attachment 1	(1)
19)	Partially Confidential OE-10 - OE-11 Attachment 1	(1)
20)	Confidential OE-12 Attachment 1	(1)

Capital Structure

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Partially Confidential CS-01-CS-03 Attachment 1	(1)