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Dear Mr. Williams:

M12451 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. – 2026 General Rate Application (GRA) – Confidential Undertaking

This will acknowledge receipt of NS Power's general rate application dated September 18, 2025, for approval of certain revisions to its rates, charges and regulations for the period 2026-2027.

The panel members assigned to this matter are Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair; Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair; and Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member.

Further to the above noted matter, please find the enclosed:

- a) Hearing Order;
- b) Notice of Hearing; and
- c) Preliminary Issues List.

As the Hearing Order includes only one round of Information Requests (IRs) to NS Power, the Board expects NS Power's IR responses to be fulsome and complete. Should it be determined upon request by an Intervenor that responses are incomplete, or require additional explanation, the Board will consider amending the Hearing Order to provide for focused follow-up or clarification IRs.

NS Power has requested confidential treatment of portions of its evidence as outlined in its Notice of Application. It states that this evidence is commercially sensitive, third-party proprietary information, or necessary for system security. Further, personnel information has been filed as "Board Confidential", including information about salaries.

The Board has not yet reviewed all of the redactions. However, it approves the confidential treatment of the identified information as requested, subject to the right of any party to object to such treatment in accordance with the *Board's Regulatory Rules*. The Board directs that any party

who objects to the confidential treatment of such evidence, or to redactions in responses to IRs by NS Power, must file their objections with the Board within two weeks of a filing.

The Board approves NS Power's Confidentiality Undertaking, as filed.

NS Power is directed to publish in the Halifax Chronicle-Herald and The Cape Breton Post on the dates set out in the Hearing Order. Proof of advertising is accepted by electronic filing of the tear sheets prior to the hearing or hard copy filings at the commencement of the hearing.

Yours truly,



Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board

c. Interested Parties