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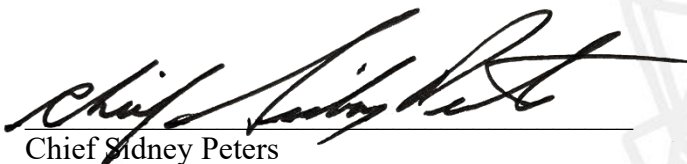
Dear Panel Members:

RE: M12451 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. - 2026 General Rate Application (GRA)

Please find enclosed the following document:

- (i) Notice of Intervention on behalf of:
 - a) Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO), and
 - b) Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs (ANSMC).

Yours in recognition of Mi'kmaq Rights and Title,



Chief Sidney Peters
Co-Chair
Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs

Encl.

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: *The Public Utilities Act*

-and-

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

TAKE NOTICE that Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) hereby seeks to intervene in the above Application and Proceeding, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs (ANSMC).

KMKNO is a registered society under the Societies Act, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 435. It is mandated to support the ANSMC in the Mi'kmaq-Canada-Nova Scotia tripartite Made-in-Nova Scotia process, concerning the implementation of Mi'kmaw Aboriginal and Treaty rights. The Consultation Department of KMKNO provides research and facilitates and coordinates consultation for eleven of the member bands of the ANSMC. However, it does not represent Millbrook or Sipekne'katik First Nations.

ANSMC is an unincorporated association comprised of thirteen Chiefs of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw communities. It is the collective Mi'kmaw governing body for the province of Nova Scotia. It directs KMKNO in the Made-in-Nova Scotia process and oversees the KMKNO Consultation Department in constitutionally mandated consultations and accommodations.

The Mi'kmaw Nation in Nova Scotia maintains an interest in all lands, waters and resources of Nova Scotia, as the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia have never surrendered, ceded, or sold their Aboriginal title to any of their lands and waters in and around Nova Scotia. The Mi'kmaq claim title to all of Nova Scotia and are co-owners of the lands, waters and resources of the province. Nova Scotia and Canada are aware of and acknowledge the title and rights claims of the Mi'kmaq and recognize that any potential adverse impacts to Mi'kmaw rights and title are subject to the duty to consult and accommodate.

KMKNO and ANSMC have an interest in the application by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated (NSPI) for approval of changes to its rates, charges and regulations for 2026-2027. In light of the proposed rate increases, KMKNO and ANSMC feel that NSPI must consider a Mi'kmaw-specific user rate moving forward as our unceded territory transitions from fossil fuels such as coal and coke to renewable energy sources and a greener future.

Accordingly, KMKNO and ANSMC would like to highlight the following preliminary comments and concerns at this time:

- Energy affordability is an increasing concern for our community members, and these proposed rates would disproportionately affect low-income and Mi'kmaq communities.
- These proposed rate increases would undermine the ongoing energy efficiency retrofits and programs happening in our communities.
- Frequent outages in Mi'kmaq communities highlight the need for targeted resilience and microgrid planning; and
- The Storm Cost Recovery Rider structure should support community-based reliability investments.

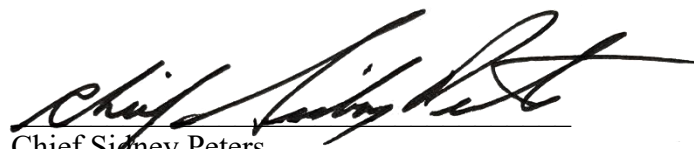
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DATED at Glooscap First Nation, Nova Scotia, this 15 day of October 2025.



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