

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: *THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT*

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**IN THE MATTER OF: **OF A GENERAL RATE APPLICATION BY NOVA SCOTIA
POWER INCORPORATED** for approval of certain
revisions to its Rates, Charges, and
Regulations**

TRANSCRIPT PART B

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 Mr. Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair
 Mr. Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member

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Halifax, Nova Scotia

--- Upon resuming at 2:25 p.m.

THE CHAIR: Any further items from parties before we move on to discussing dates for undertaking responses and closing submissions?

Okay. So Mr. Clarke, I know there was some discussion, and I guess first we need to find out about the undertaking responses. Does Nova Scotia Power have a date in mind for those?

MS. POWER: We do, Mr. Chair. We think we can answer all undertakings by Tuesday, January the 20th.

THE CHAIR: Any objections for anyone to that date? Okay. That sounds good.

MS. POWER: And we'd like to propose closing submissions on Friday January 30th, with reply to closing, if any, on Friday February the 6th.

THE CHAIR: And those would be simultaneous submissions and reply submissions by all

1 parties?

2 MS. POWER: That's the idea, Mr.

3 Chair.

4 THE CHAIR: And sorry; that's February

5 6th was the second date?

6 MS. POWER: Yes.

7 THE CHAIR: Okay. I take it that's

8 agreed to by the parties; there's no concerns with those

9 dates? Sounds good. We will set those down.

10 MS. RUBIN: Mr. Chair?

11 THE CHAIR: Yes?

12 MS. RUBIN: No concerns with those

13 dates. We did discuss. I understand that my friends at

14 Nova Scotia Power have already started working on the

15 undertakings. So given that we have a tight timeframe

16 between undertakings and closing arguments, if there's any

17 that are ready in advance, if they could file those.

18 MS. POWER: Yes, that's no problem,

19 Mr. Chair. We'll commit to that.

1 **THE CHAIR:** Okay.

2 **MS. RUBIN:** Thanks.

3 **THE CHAIR:** Anything further before we
4 adjourn?

5 Okay. Well, thank you. Thanks
6 everyone for your cooperation throughout. All things
7 told, I think it was a fairly smooth run at a proceeding.
8 So appreciate it.

9 We're adjourned.

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11 --- Upon adjourning at 2:27 p.m.

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