

November 7, 2025

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Dear Ms. Myatt:

M12456 - Nova Scotia Power Inc. - CI C0074130 Robie Street Underground - \$4,465,119 (P&A)

The Board has reviewed Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s (NS Power) application dated September 2, 2025. NS Power requested Board approval for a capital expenditure to install a 600-meter long underground duct bank system along Robie Street in Halifax, as well as a second underground three-phase 25kV supply within the same ductwork, at a total estimated cost of \$4,465,119.

A request for confidentiality following *Rule 12* of the *Board Regulatory Rules* was submitted by NS Power on September 2, 2025. The Board approved NS Power's request for confidentiality. Board staff issued Information Requests (IRs) on September 18, 2025, to which NS Power responded on October 10, 2025.

In its application, NS Power noted that this project results from the QEII Halifax Infirmary Expansion Project (QEII Project). It is also intended to support anticipated load growth due to multiple planned high-rise developments along the corridor from Jubilee Road to Bell Road and multiple other developments nearby.

In response to IR-1 and IR-2, NS Power noted that it had reviewed several options to supply the QEII Project. Each of the options evaluated ultimately required underground infrastructure. In addition, an overhead option was evaluated but was deemed infeasible due to significant physical construction challenges within the existing roadway. Additionally, the required easements for the overhead option were considered either highly unlikely to be obtained or known to be unobtainable.

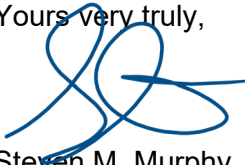
NS Power stated that a cost-sharing agreement has been entered into with the contractor responsible for constructing certain civil infrastructure for the QEII Project. By leveraging existing construction activities, such as excavation and installation and crew mobilization, this agreement is expected to yield project cost savings of approximately \$2 million compared to completing the work as a standalone project in the future.

In response to IR-4 and IR-7, NS Power noted that its current services in the area where this work is proposed are not sized to accommodate significant development and do not include

three-phase power. The electrical infrastructure installed through this project is expected to support approximately 3–4 MVA of load across multiple development locations currently under construction, with potential future reliability benefits through connections to surrounding circuits.

Based on the information provided, the Board finds that the project is necessary, will result in capital cost savings compared to completing it as a standalone project, and will support load growth in the area along with providing long-term reliability. The Board also finds that the project cost is reasonable. Accordingly, the Board approves NS Power's capital project request in the amount of \$4,465,119.

Yours very truly,



Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng.
Panel Chair



Marc L. Dunning, P.Eng., LL.B.
Member



NSEB APPROVAL SHEET

Project Title: Robie Street Underground

CI Number: C0074130

Date: September 2, 2025

Expenditure Profile			Type of Filing	
Year	Budget Amount	Project Estimate	☒	Capital Project Authorization
			☐	Unforeseen and Unbudgeted (U&U)
			☒	Planned & Advanced (P&A)
			☐	Subsequent Approval Item
2025		1,256,042	☐	Authorization to Overspend (ATO)
2026		2,798,771	☐	Scope Change
2027		410,306	☐	Final Cost (FIN)
Total	\$0	\$4,465,119		

COMMENTS

Submitted on behalf of NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED

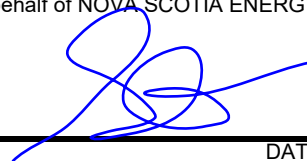


Authorized Signatory
Dave Pickles
Chief Operating Officer

DATE

August 28, 2025

Approved on behalf of NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD



DATE

November 6, 2025