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Dear Ms. Myatt:

M12506 - CI C0041805 – L7005 Replacements and Upgrades Phase 2 – \$2,910,451 (FIN)

On October 6, 2025, Nova Scotia Power Inc. submitted a final cost capital approval (FIN) application in the amount of \$2,910,451 to the Board. This application is related to the CI C0041805 – L7005 Replacements and Upgrades Phase 2 project originally submitted in the *2022 Annual Capital Expenditure Plan*. The Board originally approved the project in the amount of \$3,182,518. In this application, NS Power submitted that the project costing has been finalized at \$272,067 less than the original Board approved amount.

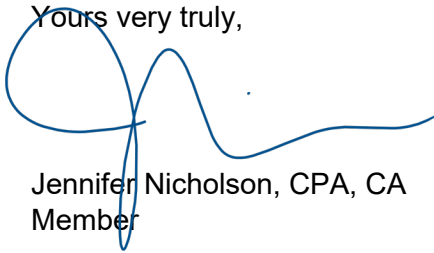
L7005 is a 230kV transmission line that stretches 159 kilometers and includes 741 structures, connecting the 67N Onslow to the 3C Port Hastings substations. Constructed in 1983, NS Power advised that this line required replacements due to deteriorated assets identified in its inspection program. The second and final phase of this project involved the replacement of deteriorated assets on approximately 71 structures.

NS Power advised that the savings were primarily the result of reduced access matting costs, achieved by using alternative access routes that enabled equipment and materials to reach the site more cost effectively. These savings were partially offset by increased overtime labor and material costs.

NS Power advised that the project experienced schedule delays, with initial work completed and placed in service in September 2022 and final completion achieved in September 2024, compared to the original forecast of June 2023. The delay was primarily due to transmission line outage availability and other critical generation and transmission work. NS Power acknowledged the delay in submitting the FIN, noting that while construction was completed in September 2024, final invoicing activities continued until February 2025, and the submission was further delayed due to file recovery efforts following the recent cyber incident.

The Board accepts this project was reasonable and justified. The Board approves the final cost of \$2,910,451 for this work order.

Yours very truly,

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Jennifer Nicholson, CPA, CA
Member



NSEB APPROVAL SHEET

Project Title: L7005 Replacements and Upgrades Phase 2

CI Number: C0041805

Date: October 6, 2025

Expenditure Profile			Type of Filing	
Year	Budget Amount	Project Estimate	☐	Capital Project Authorization
2022	1,399,971	1,706,635	☐	Unforeseen and Unbudgeted (U&U)
2023	1,684,391	1,203,110	☐	Planned & Advanced (P&A)
2024	98,156	761	☐	Subsequent Approval Item
2025		(54)	☐	Authorization to Overspend (ATO)
			☐	Scope Change
			☒	Final Cost (FIN)
Total	\$3,182,518	\$2,910,451		

COMMENTS

Approved	\$3,182,518
Current Submission	\$2,910,451
Variance	<u>(272,067)</u>

Submitted on behalf of NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED



Authorized Signatory
Dave Pickles
Chief Operating Officer

DATE
October 1, 2025

Approved on behalf of NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD



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October 27, 2025