

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF: AN APPLICATION by NOVA SCOTIA POWER INC. (NS Power)
for approval of CI C0043010 2022/23 Final Cost Work Order for a
total cost of \$791,054.

NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REQUESTS

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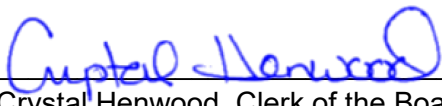
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Board Staff

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Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

Request IR-1:

On page 1 of 3 in the application, NS Power noted the project scope was 10,200 transmission poles being retreated in 2022 and 2023, with a June 2022 Start date/ In-Service date.

On page 2, NS Power explained that the original scope was developed using past structure inspection data and transmission line criticality, and the reduction of scope was due to fewer wood poles being determined to require retreatment following the test performed by the contractor.

a) How many transmission poles were retreated under this project?

b) What was the average cost per pole?

i. If this differs from the \$127.45/pole (\$1.3million/10,200) in the original estimate, please explain why.

c) Please provide the contractor's inspection report that explains the reduction in the number of poles being retreated.

Request IR-2:

The application indicated that the last pole was forecasted to be completed in December 2023, and the Final Cost date was estimated as June 2024.

The project was completed in December 2024, and the Final Cost date is October 2025.

a) Please explain the reason(s) for the one-year delay in project completion.

b) Please explain how the recent cyber incident impacted the delay of the FIN application.

c) What is NS Power's detailed justification, other than the cyber incident, for the delay of the FIN application, as required by NS Power's Capital Expenditure Justification Criteria (CEJC)?

Request IR-3:

The Variance sheet on page 3 of 3 in the application showed an increase of over 1.5 times in travel expense despite the reduction of almost half of the regular labour cost and the reduction of scope in general. Please explain.

Request IR-4:

This project was the fourth CI of a multi-year program that was to continue beyond 2023. What is the status of the other phases of the program?