

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 INCORPORATED** for approval of its 2026 Demand Side Management Cost Recovery Rider (DCRR)

BEFORE:

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

INTERIM ORDER

NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED (NS Power) applied to the Nova Scotia Energy Board on October 22, 2025, for approval of its 2026 DCRR effective January 1 through December 31, 2026.

The Board established a paper hearing for this matter that provided for information requests and written submissions.

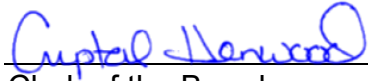
This application was filed after NS Power's ongoing general rate application (M12451), in which NS Power is seeking approval for several changes to its cost-of-service allocation methodology, including changes to how costs are allocated under its DCRR. This DCRR application assumes that: (1) the Board will approve the proposed cost allocation methodology in NS Power's general rate application; and (2) if it does so, the new cost allocation methodology will be approved for the DCRR effective January 1, 2026, rather than the effective date for any new rates resulting from the general rate application.

Given that a final determination in this matter is contingent on the Board's determination in NS Power's ongoing general rate application and DCRR charges approved for 2025 will expire on December 31, 2025, leaving no approved rates for 2026, the Board finds that an Interim Order is warranted under s. 69 of the *Public Utilities Act*.

The Board orders that:

1. The 2026 DCRR will continue the approved 2025 DCRR charges commencing January 1, 2026, until further order of the Board in this matter, or as part of NS Power's ongoing general rate application.
2. The direct monthly payment amounts for the four open access transmission tariff municipal electrical utilities, approved by the Board in the 2025 DCRR proceeding (M11912), will continue in the same approved amounts as 2025, commencing January 1, 2026, until further order of the Board in this matter, or as part of NS Power's ongoing general rate application.
3. Payments made from January 1, 2026, until the Board's final order will be subject to confirmation or adjustment in that order.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 22nd day of December 2025.


Clerk of the Board