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NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: *The Public Utilities Act,* R.S.N.S. 1989, c.380, as amended

IN THE MATTER OF: **An application by NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED for approval of its 2026 Demand Side Management Cost Recovery Riders (DCRR)**

INFORMATION REQUESTS (NON-CONFIDENTIAL)

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From: Small Business Advocate

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Request IR-1:
Refer to M12521, Exhibit N-1, the Application for the 2026 DSM Cost Recovery Rider (DCRR) submitted by NS Power (the "Application") and specifically to Appendix B-2, pages 1-4 of 4, and to NS Power's 2026-2027 General Rate Application (the "GRA") PR-01 – Proposed Rates (Tariffs), (M12451, the GRA, Exhibit N-4) Attachment 02W, pages 1-5 of 5.

a) Please explain why the Balancing Adjustment in the Application does not match what was filed in the GRA. For example, the Balance Adjustment on Page 2 of 4 of Appendix B-2 does not reflect the changes to the Balancing Adjustment as proposed in the GRA on Page 2 of 5 of GRA PR-01 Attachment 02W.

   Please explain if the lack of inclusion is due to the timing of the GRA filing or for another reason.

b) In relation to the Balancing Adjustment in the Application not matching with the GRA, the methodological steps on Page 4 of 4 of Appendix B-2 does not include step 5, as proposed in the GRA on Page 4 of 5 of GRA PR-01 Attachment 02W.

   Please confirm if the rationale for the exclusion is the same reason as given in part (a) above. If not, please explain.

Request IR-2:
Refer to M12521, Exhibit N-1, Figure 1, *2026 PCR and BA*, on page 4 of 10, which shows the Cents per kWh impact for customer classes offering critical peak pricing tariffs, and please explain whether and how the impacts shown would change based on NS Power's options for continuing the Time of Use and Critical Peak Pricing programs presented in M12499, (Application for approval of 2025/2026 Time Varying Pricing (TVP) Tariffs) as recently approved by the NSEB.

Request IR-3:
Refer to M12521, Exhibit N-1, page 4 of 10, lines 9 - 12, which states: "Variances in contract spending by E1 over the four-year (2023-2026) period are expected to be adjusted, on a per rate class basis, as part of future DCRR Applications. The net imbalance associated with the 2023-2026 Contract will not be known until 2027 once actual 2026 DSM Plan expenditures are reported by E1."

a) Please explain whether this statement means NS Power will file a DCRR application for approval of the cost recovery over the four-year period 2023-2026 that will show whether there was any further under-recovery of the BA amounts provided for each rate class in each of these years including the 2024 BA amounts covered in this filing?

Request IR-4:

Refer to M12521, Exhibit N-1, page 7 of 10, lines 7 - 8, which states: “The Company used the following process for allocation of 2026 PCR cost responsibilities to OATT MEUs:” but there is no process set out. Please confirm where the process is detailed in the Application.