

January 28, 2026

Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board
Nova Scotia Energy Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
Halifax, NS B3J 3S3

Re: M12550 – CI C0051815 RTU Replacement Program – Phase 6 – IR Responses

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Enclosed are Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s (NS Power, Company) responses to information requests (IRs) pertaining to the capital item referenced above.

These IRs were received on December 10, 2025.

NS Power acknowledges that the data requested and provided in response to Midgard's IRs is voluminous, and technical in nature. To the extent it would be helpful in Midgard's review of the information, NS Power would be pleased to accommodate a site visit, to allow for clarification of remaining issues prior to Midgard issuing its report in this matter.

Request for Confidentiality

Pursuant to Rule 12 of the Board Regulatory Rules, NS Power requests confidential treatment of certain IRs and attachments as outlined below. NS Power's support for its request is provided below in accordance with Rule 12(4):

1. Commercial Information

To protect value for customers and mitigate the risk of prospective proponents having access to the information itemized below, and maintain good business relations with vendors, this information is confidential.

The more a supplier is aware of NS Power's specific requirements and a competing vendor's costs, the better the supplier's ability to obtain the highest price, reduce competition and ultimately increase the cost for NS Power and its customers. The

cost of such transparency is not always immediately evident. Information from regulatory proceedings can provide competitive advantages over other suppliers, and that could be advantageous in bidding or negotiation. Higher prices, or avoidable contractual constraints, will result in unnecessary higher costs to customers.

NS Power seeks to keep the terms and conditions of suppliers' pricing and arrangements confidential from their other customers or potential competitors. This prevents competitors from using the information to gain a competitive advantage. This is equally true for NS Power, which desires to protect its ability to acquire services and equipment on the most competitive terms. Those "best" terms may not be available if there is a risk that they will be disclosed to the customers or competitors of the supplier.

Since NS Power customer rates are cost-based, the maintenance of confidentiality for this item is to the direct benefit of customers.

2. *System Security*

The information itemized below is confidential due to system security concerns. Protection of the power system preserves reliability and reduces the risks associated with external threats.

3. *Procurement Recommendations*

Reports that relate to procurement strategies or evaluation are confidential. This includes Procurement Recommendations and Sole Source Procurement Recommendations, produced internally by NS Power or by third party consultants.

This information provides details on how NS Power procures goods or services, and the structure of requirements to be met. Public disclosure of this information would allow suppliers to understand the structuring of risk mitigation and provide insight to NS Power's procurement strategies, in turn decreasing the level of competition. This would be advantageous to suppliers bidding for NS Power contracts, who could understand what factors could influence NS Power procurement and thereby tailor bids in a manner that could increase costs to NS Power and its customers.

Procurement Recommendations are partially redacted based on commercial sensitivity which includes cost information, unsuccessful bidders' names, and evaluation details. Procurement Recommendations were not written with a view that they would be published for the public. They contain candid assessments of the bidders with details supporting the writer's view of why the bid was not suitable for acceptance.

4. *Third Party Information / Proprietary Information*

Certain of the information designated as confidential includes the non-public, commercially sensitive contractual terms and proprietary cost and business information of NS Power's counterparties who have asserted confidentiality over such information, including proprietary technical information.

The release of such information could prejudice NS Power's ability to continue to secure and use such commercially sensitive, non-public information in future dealings. Moreover, the release of such information could prejudice the third party in its own commercial dealings and could jeopardize good business relationships with such parties in future, prejudicing the ability to negotiate the most favorable terms in commercial arrangements to the benefit of Nova Scotia customers.

IR Reference	Confidentiality Status	Justification
IR-1 Attachment 1	Confidential	2
IR-1 Attachment 2	Confidential	2
IR-1 Attachment 3	Confidential	2
IR-3 Attachment 1	Partially Confidential	1
IR-3 Attachment 2	Partially Confidential	1, 4
IR-3 Attachment 3	Partially Confidential	1, 4
IR-3 Attachment 4	Confidential	2
IR-3 Attachment 5	Confidential	2
IR-5 Attachment 1	Confidential	1
IR-5 Attachment 3	Confidential	2
IR-5 Attachment 7	Partially Confidential	1
IR-5 Attachment 8	Confidential	1
IR-5 Attachment 9	Confidential	1
IR-5 Attachment 10	Confidential	1
IR-5 Attachment 11	Confidential	1
IR-5 Attachment 12	Partially Confidential	3
IR-7 Attachment 1	Confidential	2
IR-7 Attachment 2	Confidential	2
IR-8 Attachment 1	Confidential	2
IR-8 Attachment 2	Confidential	2

Yours truly,



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