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## NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF:** **THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT**

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**IN THE MATTER OF:** **IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION** by **NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED** for Approval of its 2026 Annually Adjusted Rates (AARs)

## REDACTED INFORMATION REQUESTS

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Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

**Request IR-1:**

Appendix A2 presents the annual marginal generation costs by month.

a) Please explain why [redacted] for February and March.

b) Please provide the values for Marginal Costs excluding the Output Based Pricing System costs.

c) Please explain why marginal cost for Peak is forecast [redacted] in June and July.

**Request IR-2:**

In reference to Appendix A4, Update 2:

a) Please discuss the factors increasing the forecast price for [redacted] relative to 2025.

   i. Is [redacted] sourced exclusively from the Nova Scotia market?

b) Please explain the difference between the following sources:

   i. [redacted] and [redacted]

   ii. [redacted] and [redacted]

   iii. [redacted] and [redacted]

**Request IR-3:**

In reference to Appendix A4, Update 9:

a) [redacted]?

b) Why have Updates 11 and 12 been omitted from the 2026 Annually Adjusted Rates (AARs)?

**Request IR-4:**

In reference to Appendix A6:

a) Please explain why the [redacted].

b) Please discuss the changes to [redacted].

c) Please explain why [redacted].

d) Please explain why the average [redacted].

e) Please elaborate on the increase in [redacted].

**Request IR-5:**

Page 11 cites forecasted solid fuel prices decreasing for 2026. Please discuss the factors leading to this decrease, including those associated with output prices for SO2.

**Request IR-6:**

On page 13 of the application, Nova Scotia Power (NS Power) states that since Q4 2024, the reliability of energy flowing through the Labrador Island Link (LIL) and Maritime Link (ML) has improved with only minor outages. Please provide a table similar to the table found in Appendix A7 with the monthly ML energy from Q4 2024 to the end of October 2025.

**Request IR-7:**

NS Power did not provide scenarios of delays to wind resources scheduled to go into service in 2025 and 2026.

a) Please provide a table identifying each wind asset that was scheduled to go into service in 2025 and 2026, the number of MW of each asset and both the planned in-service date and actual in-service date.
b) Where there were/are delays beyond six months of going into service, please provide explanatory notes.

**Request IR-8:**

Appendix E5 provides the calculation for the [redacted]. Please explain how the [redacted].

**Request IR-9:**

In Appendix F3, why is the Interruptible Credit Cost now included in the monthly rate for the Standby Demand Charge Calculation?

**Request IR-10:**

In Appendix F4, please explain the increase in Average Unit Cost at the Transmission Level from 7.688 to 7.835. How does it align with Appendix D in the Costs by Functional Area tab for the unit costs for Total Transmission in row (13).

**Request IR-11:**

Appendix J refers to the 1P-RTP moving from an annually adjusted rate to one set through a General Rate Application. However, toward the bottom of page 2 of 3 in the appendix NS Power states that these "methodological adjustment will align the 1P-RTP tariffs with the costing approach used for other AARs."

a) Will the High Voltage 1P-RTP customer have the choice to move to the Transmission or an alternate AAR or above the line tariff?

b) What is purpose of aligning this tariff with the other AARs if it won't be reviewed annually?

c) What is the benefit to NS Power of adjusting this tariff through a General Rate Application (GRA) instead of the AARs?

   i. What is the benefit to a customer of waiting from this tariff to be adjusted through a GRA?

      a. If NS Power decides to delay making a GRA for several years, what at the risks to both parties?

d) How many customers took service under the EHV 1P-RTP tariff in 2025?

   i. Did these customers receive the letter from Appendix J?

**Request IR-12:**

The Back UpTop-Up Tariff 2026 customer charge is proposed to be increased by 3.25%. NS Power considers this increase to be consistent with the Board's directive in the 2019 AAR Decision.

a) Please explain how 3.25% was derived as the annual inflation rate.

b) With reference to Statistics Canada Consumer Price Index, monthly, not seasonally adjusted, Table 18-10-0004-01, please explain how 3.25% is consistent the Statistics Canada inflation rates posted in 2025.

**Request IR-13:**

In Appendix G2 EO

a) [redacted]?

b) [redacted]?

c) [redacted]?

i. [redacted]?

ii. [redacted].

iii. [redacted].

**Request IR-14:**

In Appendix I EO there are Demand Side Management Cost Recovery Rider Charges. Why are these included as part of the AARs?