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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**

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IN THE MATTER OF: **Nova Scotia Power's Application for 2026 Annually Adjusted Rates (AAR)**

INFORMATION REQUESTS

To: Nova Scotia Power Incorporated ("NSPI")

From: The Industrial Group

Responses Due: December 22, 2025

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Issued at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 1st day of December 2025.

Request IR-1:

(a) Assuming this Application is approved as filed, effective January 1, 2026, what is the annual revenue forecast to be collected from each rate class under the AAR? In providing your answer, please identify the load forecast being used (including the date of such forecast) and any other assumptions within the forecast.

(b) How will the annual revenue forecast be impacted if PHP becomes an ATL customer as contemplated in the load forecast for the GRA, and/or if the Goose Harbour Wind Farm is operational before the end of 2026?

Request IR-2:

Reference: Page 14, lines 7-10.

In accordance with the Board's directive in the 2025 AARs, a review comparing the monthly forecasted NB imports to actual NB imports is provided in Confidential Appendix A7. As a result of the cyber incident, NS Power is only able to provide the comparison for January 2025 to September 2025 currently.

(a) Please provide the anticipated timeline for NSPI to regain full access to its historical records or confirm if NSPI expects such access to remain permanently unavailable due to the cyber incident.

(b) Has the cyber incident otherwise impacted NSPI's ability to forecast, calculate or otherwise formulate any of the AARs for 2026? If so, please explain.

(c) NSPI has explained that the variances are reported in prior FAM reports dating back to at least 2023. Is NSPI able to access those reports (or any other reporting accessible through the Board website or confidential Titanfile) to provide the comparison of the monthly forecast NB imports to actual NB imports dating back to at least 2023? If so, please provide such comparison. If not, please explain why not.

Request IR-3:

Reference: Page 20, lines 16-19.

In view of the foregoing, NS Power has, in this Application, eliminated the adjustment for the projected imbalance in the recovery of the avoided fuel. Energy charges under these tariffs are proposed to be based on hourly marginal costs, and the fixed cost adders are proposed to include only non-fuel costs.

(a) Has NSPI determined whether any other rates charged to customers or rate-setting methodologies are impacted by the noted unreliability or volatility in the estimated avoided fuel costs calculation? Please explain.

(b) The rationale for the elimination of the avoided cost adjustment appears to be primarily related to the SO2 emissions and adjustment in allowable emissions compliance costs. Does NSPI anticipate these impacts on the avoided costs calculations to be indefinite, or is this proposed elimination temporary? Please explain.

(c) Aside from eliminating the adjustment altogether, has NSPI considered any other options for addressing the noted volatility?

Request IR-4:

Reference: Page 38, lines 22-23.

NSPI confirms the possibility of the ELIADC Tariff being discontinued before the end of 2026. If that is the case:

(a) Does the anticipated duration of service to be provided to PHP under the ELIADC Tariff within 2026 impact the “annual” calculations used to set the Energy Charge? Please explain.

(b) Please confirm how and when the “annual” report will be completed, including the year-end calculations of benefits.

Request IR-5:

Reference: Section 8.0, ELIADC, pages 38-43, and Appendix G1.

And Reference: M12184, Submissions of Bates White, dated November 26, 2025.

Preamble: In response to NSPI’s ELIADC Third Term Application compliance filing, Bates White submitted a response and additional recommendations to the removal of the fixed costs from the CBL Energy Charge.

(a) Do the concerns raised in Bates White’s submissions have any impact on the ELIADC Energy Charge applied for in this Application? Please explain and indicate if reflected in the calculations.

(b) Is NSPI agreeable to Bates White’s recommended revision to the definition of the FCR? If not, please explain why not. If so, please provide a copy of the updated tariff.