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Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board
Nova Scotia Energy Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
P.O. Box 1692, Unit "M"
Halifax, NS B3J 3S3

Dear Ms. Henwood:

**Re: M12551 - Nova Scotia Power Inc. - 2026 Annually Adjusted Rates
Interim Approval of ELIADC Terrif**

This is further to your letter of December 24, 2025, requesting comments on whether the Board should grant interim approval of the Extra Large Industrial Active Demand Control ("ELIADC") Energy Charge for Port Hawkesbury Paper, effective on January 1, 2026.

As you note in your letter, the decision to grant interim approval of rates is a discretionary remedy that is available to the Board where the final order would result in a reduction to the existing schedule of rates for the rate class.

The Consumer Advocate submits that in exercising this discretion, the Board should consider the impact of the interim relief, if any, on other rate classes and the length of time the interim remedy can be expected to be in place before it is subsumed by a final order.

In this case, it appears the reduction in the Energy Charge proposed for Port Hawkesbury Paper will result in an increase in the costs that will borne by the other rate classes. Given that the timing of the application for the 2026 Annually Adjusted Rates is outside of the control of those rate classes, the Consumer Advocate submits it would be just and reasonable for the Board to make any interim relief granted in this matter effective on a date that is later than January 1, 2026.

Yours truly,

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David Roberts, Consumer Advocate

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