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ATTENTION: Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board
Via Email: board@novascotia.ca

Dear Panel Members:

RE: M12558 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. 2025 – 2029 Five Year Reliability Plan Review

Please find enclosed the Notice of Participation in the above-noted matter on behalf of
Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO).

Yours in recognition of Mi'kmaw title and rights,

Twila Gaudet

Director of Consultation

Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office

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NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: Nova Scotia Power Inc. 2025 – 2029 Five Year Reliability Plan
Review

**NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION of
KWILMU'KW MAW-KLUSUAQN NEGOTIATION OFFICE**

TAKE NOTICE that Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) hereby seeks to participate in the above Application.

KMKNO is a registered society under the Societies Act, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 435. It is mandated to support the ANSMC in the Mi'kmaq-Canada-Nova Scotia tripartite Made-in-Nova Scotia process, concerning the implementation of Mi'kmaq Aboriginal and Treaty rights. The Consultation Department of KMKNO provides research, and facilitates and coordinates consultation for eleven of the member bands of the ANSMC. However, it does not represent Millbrook or Sipekne'katik First Nations.

The Mi'kmaq Nation in Nova Scotia maintains an interest in all lands, waters and resources of Nova Scotia, as the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia have never surrendered, ceded, or sold their Aboriginal title to any of their lands and waters in and around Nova Scotia. The Mi'kmaq claim title to all of Nova Scotia and are co-owners of the lands, waters and resources of the Province. Nova Scotia and Canada are aware of and acknowledge the title and rights claims of the Mi'kmaq and recognize that any potential adverse impacts to Mi'kmaq rights and title are subject to the duty to consult and accommodate.

KMKNO has an interest in the Reliability Plan Review for Nova Scotia Power Inc. Issues concerning reliability disproportionately affect Mi'kmaq communities for a number of reasons. Due to the fact that many Mi'kmaq communities are rural or semi-remote, they may face reduced access to natural gas or alternative heating fuels and are often exposed to harsher climatic conditions (winds, exposure, and coastal weather). There may be fewer emergency responders and fewer options for emergency preparedness. Electricity infrastructure may be older and more susceptible to outages at a community- and home- level due to historic under-investments. Mi'kmaq communities include higher proportions of vulnerable populations (Elders and youth), thereby accentuating the community safety risks in case of outages, especially during severe weather events. Reliable electricity is critical to providing communities with governance, cultural, health, educational and ceremonial spaces. It is also one of the preconditions needed to capitalize on economic development opportunities within communities.

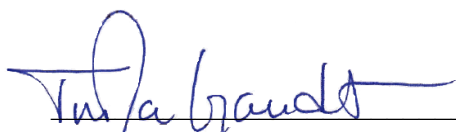
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DATED at Millbrook, Nova Scotia, this 1st day of December 2025.



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