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Dear Mr. Willett:

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

In the Nova Scotia Energy Board's decision on the 2025 Annual Capital Expenditure Plan, in M12012, the Board found that a third-party review of Nova Scotia Power's Five-Year Reliability Plan was warranted. The Board directed NS Power to work with Synapse Energy Economics and stakeholders in setting the scope of the review.

Synapse's Final Report, Review of NS Power's Five-Year Reliability Plan (2025-2029), was filed with the Board on October 26, 2026. The purpose of this letter is to establish a process so Synapse's Final Report can be fully considered during the 2027 ACE Plan proceeding. The Board would like to have this initial phase completed close in time to when the 2027 ACE Plan is filed.

The following is a proposed timeline for this phase of the proceeding:

Information Requests to Synapse	**Friday November 13, 2026**
Responses to Information Requests from Synapse	**Friday, November 27, 2026**
Preliminary Comments by Participants on Final Report	**Friday, December 4, 2026**
Response to Preliminary Comments from Synapse	**Friday, December 11, 2026**

The *Board's Regulatory Rules* will apply to this matter, including Rule 7(3) with respect to filing by **2:00 pm** on any date a document is due.

While the timeline for the initial phase is short, the Board understands the parties have had the draft report for some time. Once the 2027 ACE Plan is filed, a Hearing Order will be issued like in past proceedings. The filings in matter M12558 will become part of the 2027 ACE Plan proceeding. Parties will have a further opportunity to ask IRs on these filings, along with IRs on the materials filed with the 2027 ACE Plan. This will further allow the parties to refine their positions, if required, as the 2027 ACE Plan proceeding unfolds.

Yours very truly,



Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board

c. William Mahody, K.C.
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