

February 6, 2026

Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board
Nova Scotia Energy Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
Halifax, NS B3J 3S3

Re: M12591 – CI C0032664 ECC Optimization Tools – IR Responses

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Enclosed are Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s (NS Power, Company) responses to information requests (IRs) pertaining to the capital item referenced above.

These IRs were received on January 16, 2026.

Request for Confidentiality

Pursuant to Rule 12 of the Board Regulatory Rules, NS Power requests partial confidential treatment of IR-7, IR-9, IR-20 and confidential treatment of IR-19 Attachment 1. NS Power's support for its request is provided below in accordance with Rule 12(4):

Procurement Recommendations

Reports that relate to procurement strategies or evaluation are confidential. This includes Procurement Recommendations and Sole Source Procurement Recommendations, produced internally by NS Power or by third party consultants in IR-7.

This information provides details on how NS Power procures goods or services, and the structure of requirements to be met. Public disclosure of this information would allow suppliers to understand the structuring of risk mitigation and provide insight to NS Power's procurement strategies, in turn decreasing the level of competition. This would be advantageous to suppliers bidding for NS Power contracts, who could understand what factors could influence NS Power procurement and thereby tailor bids in a manner that could increase costs to NS Power and its customers.

Procurement Recommendations are partially redacted based on commercial sensitivity which includes cost information, unsuccessful bidders' names, and evaluation details. Procurement Recommendations were not written with a view that they would be published for the public. They contain candid assessments of the bidders with details supporting the writer's view of why the bid was not suitable for acceptance.

Commercial Information

To protect value for customers and mitigate the risk of prospective proponents having access to the information in IR-9 and IR-20, and maintain good business relations with vendors, this information is confidential.

The more a supplier is aware of NS Power's specific requirements and a competing vendor's costs, the better the supplier's ability to obtain the highest price, reduce competition and ultimately increase the cost for NS Power and its customers. The cost of such transparency is not always immediately evident. Information from regulatory proceedings can provide competitive advantages over other suppliers, and that could be advantageous in bidding or negotiation. Higher prices, or avoidable contractual constraints, will result in unnecessary higher costs to customers.

NS Power seeks to keep the terms and conditions of suppliers' pricing and arrangements confidential from their other customers or potential competitors. This prevents competitors from using the information to gain a competitive advantage. This is equally true for NS Power, which desires to protect its ability to acquire services and equipment on the most competitive terms. Those "best" terms may not be available if there is a risk that they will be disclosed to the customers or competitors of the supplier.

Since NS Power customer rates are cost-based, the maintenance of confidentiality for this(these) item(s) is to the direct benefit of customers.

Third Party Proprietary

IR-19 Attachment 1 is a funding agreement document, which includes details not released publicly by government. The release of these documents could negatively impact government negotiations with other funding recipients; accordingly, the Government of Canada's NRCan program has requested full confidentiality of these documents.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lana Myatt", rendered in a light gray color.

Lana Myatt
Senior Regulatory Analyst

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