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VIA EMAIL

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

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Re: M12600 – Minister of Energy – Accountability for Nova Scotia Power

On May 13, 2026, Intervenor David MacLeod filed a request with the Nova Scotia Energy Board, (the “Board”) requesting pre-approval of his Intervenor Costs (the “Request”). Mr. MacLeod states in his letter that he is intervening in the above referenced matter in his personal capacity and further clarifies that he is speaking “for Nova Scotians who hold or have held security clearances and whose personal information may have been exposed by the cyber breach at issue.”¹

The Small Business Advocate (SBA) does not take a specific position with respect to the Request, noting that section 9 of the Board’s *Costs Rules* defines the eligibility criteria under which the Board may pre-approve an award of costs for a non-profit intervenor. The SBA respectfully submits the Request should be considered within the context of that eligibility criteria and the Board’s discretion to award costs.

The SBA appreciates the opportunity to provide submissions on the Request.

Yours truly,

 Melissa P. MacAdam
Small Business Advocate

¹ M12600, Minister of Energy – Accountability for Nova Scotia, Letter David MacLeod re: Request for Pre-Approved Intervenor Cost – Cost Rules, (filed May 13, 2026), at page 1 of 5.