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Dear Ms. Power:

M12600 – Nova Scotia Power Incorporated – Cybersecurity Accountability – Counsel Proposal re Remaining Process Steps

The Board acknowledges receipt of your letter outlining a proposed scope and timing for submissions in this matter (M12600). Your letter was reviewed by the panel.

The panel agrees with the breakdown of the issues to be addressed in closing submissions as proposed, between those issues intended to be addressed now, and those issues intended to be deferred until after the record is closed in Matter M12273. Given this approach, the Board notes that the record in Matter M12273 (and any findings the Board may make in that matter) may be considered by the Board when addressing the deferred issues.

After the oral hearing in Matter M12273, the Board will establish a timeline for closing submissions about the deferred issues in Matter M12600 to be filed (which may be the same schedule that will be set for closing submissions in Matter M12273). The Board will assess, at that time, whether the deferred issues in Matter M12600 will be addressed in its decision in Matter M12273, or separately as a supplemental decision in Matter M12600.

The panel intends to proceed to make findings on the issues that can be addressed now in Matter M12600 but is sensitive to the need for further submissions before concluding whether, based on those findings, NS Power was imprudent and/or should be subject to an administrative penalty under s. 42(2) of the *Public Utilities Act*. If a second phase is needed to assess those issues, the panel anticipates that directions relating to that would be given at a later date, at or around the time of the Board's future decisions about the deferred issues from Matter M12600 and its decision in Matter M12273. The records from both Matter M12600 and Matter M12273 may be considered if it is necessary to address those issues.

The proposed timing of closing submissions in Matter M12600 on the issues that have not been deferred is also acceptable to the Board. As such, the parties are directed to file any

closing submissions no later than **Friday, November 6, 2026**, and any reply submissions must be filed no later than **Friday, November 20, 2026**.

Yours very truly,



Crystal Henwood
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