

June 18, 2026

M12619 Participants

Dear Parties:

M12619 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. - 2026 ACE Plan Application

The annual ACE Plan allows the Board to consider NS Power's capital expenditure program for 2026. To allow for a meaningful hearing process involving the participation of numerous parties representing a large proportion of NS Power's customer base, the hearing process, including post-hearing submissions, is generally not completed until June. The Board Panel assigned to this matter, consisting of Richard J. Melanson, LL.B., Panel Chair; Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P. Eng., Member, and Jennifer L. Nicholson, CPA, CA., Member, has carefully considered the evidence and the parties' submissions. The Board Panel agrees on the disposition of the application. To have that disposition for the 2026 ACE Plan in place before the year is half over, the Board has decided to issue an order, with reasons to follow, with respect to the specific relief sought by NS Power.

The Board has decided not to approve CI C0080111 2026 RTU Deployment at this time. The Board will defer further consideration of this capital project, with an estimated total cost of \$8,322,655, pending receipt of a report from Synapse Energy Economics, in Matter M12558 - Review of NS Power's Five-Year Reliability Plan. The written reasons will address why. The written decision will also address other issues raised during this proceeding.

Yours truly,

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for Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board