

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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**IN THE MATTER OF: AN APPLICATION by NOVA SCOTIA POWER
INCORPORATED (NS Power) for approval of an Extra Large
Industrial Dispatchable Above-the-Line Tariff applicable to Port
Hawkesbury Paper**

NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REQUESTS

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**From: Nova Scotia Energy Board
Board Staff**

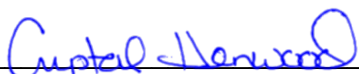
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Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

1 **Request IR-1:**

2 On page 7, NS Power stated:

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4 The ultimate energy charges are also subject to change based on the outcome of the ongoing Court
5 proceedings regarding PHP's responsibility for the payment of costs associated with the new
6 Maritime Link Federal Loan Guarantee (FLG2).

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8 Please provide the latest update on the status of this ongoing Court proceeding.

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10 **Request IR-2:**

11 Regarding interruptible service, on page 8, NS Power stated:

12 ...the relatively low cost of acquiring priority interruptible service (approximately \$500,000 annually
13 as modeled in the GRA COSS), the Company considers this to be an area that requires more review
14 and is premature to discontinue.

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16 a) Please explain how the \$500,000 was derived.

17 b) With reference to "more review", please elaborate on what additional review is
18 contemplated and what associated metrics are anticipated.

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20 **Request IR-3:**

21 On page 10, NS Power proposed that the value created by the dispatch of PHP load should be
22 fully credited to PHP. It also proposed that the cost of the DR service should be included as a
23 FAM cost and recovered from all ATL customers. Furthermore, NS Power stated that ATL
24 customers will be held harmless under the DR construct.

25 a) What is the dollar amount of the dispatch value that NS Power anticipates will be created?

26 b) If ATL customers will be paying PHP for the DR service, please elaborate on how they will
27 be held harmless.

28 c) If the value created by dispatch of PHP load is fully credited to PHP, please explain the
29 value that other ATL customers receive from the ADC component of the proposed tariff.

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31 **Request IR-4:**

32 In its evidence, PHP identified several concerns with the proposed ATL tariff and stated it is
33 unlikely to accept service under that tariff if those concerns are not addressed in a satisfactory
34 manner by the Board. In that situation, PHP stated that it would need to undertake development
35 of a below-the-line tariff.

- 1 a) Please explain whether, prior to filing the ATL tariff, NS Power was aware of the concerns
2 that PHP identified in its evidence. If so, describe what attempts were made to resolve
3 those issues.
- 4 b) Please explain and quantify any detrimental operational and financial impacts that NS
5 Power anticipates if the ATL tariff is amended to satisfy PHP's concerns.
- 6 c) Please explain whether NS Power contemplated any potential BTL tariffs as potential
7 options if PHP does not accept service under the ATL tariff. Were any such discussions
8 held with PHP? Please elaborate.
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10 **Request IR-5:**

11 Considering that the system control function, including resource dispatch, will come under the
12 authority of IESO Nova Scotia, please explain whether NS Power undertook any consultation with
13 IESO Nova Scotia about the proposed ATL tariff before filing for Board approval.

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15 **Request IR-6:**

16 Considering the circumstance where the application is not approved, or considered not to be
17 acceptable by PHP, and the ELIADC is not extended, and no new BTL rate exists on January 1,
18 2027, what is NS Power's understanding of the default rate for service to PHP?