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Dear Mr. Williams:

M12694 – Nova Scotia Power Inc., Cold Weather Event, January 23-26, 2026

The Province of Nova Scotia experienced a cold weather event from Friday, January 23, 2026, to Monday, January 26, 2026. During that event, NS Power asked its customers to conserve energy when possible, specifically during peak demand periods of 7:00–11:00 a.m. and 5:00–9:00 p.m.

It was reported that the provincial system peak reached 2,481 MW, exceeding the prior system peak which the Board understands occurred during the cold weather event during February 3-5, 2023, i.e., 2,459 MW set on February 4, 2023 (Matter M10987). The Board notes that the daily system information on the OASIS site to monitor net load and other system information has been offline since April 2025 due to the cyber security incident.

While the Board recognizes the threshold for an outage report was not reached during the event, given the load-related impacts on the system the Board requests a report from NS Power about the January 23-26, 2026, cold weather event. This report should include the following information:

- Number of outages during the event;
- Hourly and daily system information that normally would have been posted on the OASIS site to reflect net load and other system information;
- Duration of the customer advisory to conserve energy;
- Details of the actions taken in relation to interruptible load and the response of the interruptible customers;
- Reserve assistance from neighbouring utilities, including the performance of the Maritime Link;
- NS Power system operator's assistance to Newfoundland and Labrador during its emergency event;
- Description of the system's stability during the cold weather event;

- Performance of the utility's generation assets during the event, including the performance of wind and battery storage;
- Status (and explanation) of the utility's generation assets during the event; and
- Please advise what, if any, actions taken, or lessons learned, after the February 3-5, 2023, cold weather event, impacted NS Power's response to, or the grid's ability to withstand, the January 23-26, 2026, cold weather event.

The Board directs that NS Power's report be filed no later **Thursday, February 26, 2026**.

Yours truly,



Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board

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