

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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**IN THE MATTER OF: AN APPLICATION by NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC
RELIABILITY CORPORATION for Approval of Reliability
Standards - Fourth Quarter 2025**

INFORMATION REQUESTS

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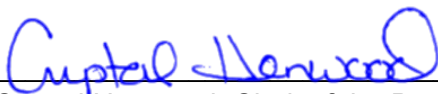
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Request IR-1:

The *Wholesale and Renewable to Retail Market Report 2025* submitted by NS Power (M12725), currently lists only NS Power and Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA) as generation market participant, as shown on page 11, Figure 2. However, although the report identifies only these two entities, numerous independent power producers are connected to the transmission system. Furthermore, the recent 2025 10-Year System Outlook report (M12386) lists several entities providing, or that will provide, various forms of generation, such as Port Hawkesbury Paper (Wind), NS Community Solar, and wind rate base procurements.

The Independent Energy System Operator of Nova Scotia (IESO-NS), in its letter dated March 25, 2026, commenting on NERC's fourth-quarter 2025 application, stated that:

Some of NS Power's NERC Registered roles will be transitioning to the IESO-NS. Accordingly, implementation of and compliance with applicable NERC reliability standards related to those roles and adopted in Nova Scotia will become the responsibility of IESO-NS as those registered roles are transferred.

The Board is aware that s. 69 of the *More Access to Energy Act*, which is not in force yet, will require an "...owner, operator or user of the bulk electricity system who carries out prescribed functions to which an approved reliability standard applies..." to register with the Board for reliability purposes. The Board is further aware that s.94(c) of the *More Access to Energy Act*, also not yet proclaimed, will require any entities who "...provide or convey, or cause to be provided or conveyed, electricity or ancillary services into, through or out of the IESO-controlled grid ..." to be licensed by the Board. To supplement the record because of this background, please provide the following clarifications:

- a) Could the IESO-NS provide a list of Nova Scotia entities that are currently registered under the NERC Compliance Registry Criteria referenced in the NERC fourth-quarter 2025 application?
- b) If the Boards approve the application, other than those listed in the answer to a), please provide a list of entities currently connected to the transmission system, if any, that will meet the definitions of *Generator Owner* and *Generator Operator* as described in the NERC fourth-quarter 2025 application.
- c) If the Board approves the application, could IESO-NS provide its view on the tracking and management of NERC compliance registration for the entities mentioned in the answer to b)?

- 1 d) Could the IESO-NS provide comments on how the new generation expected to come
2 online in the next three years would be affected by approval of this application, and provide
3 any applicable list of potentially impacted entities?
- 4 e) Assuming ss. 69 and 94 of the *More Access to Energy Act* are proclaimed, can the IESO-
5 NS provide a list of the entities it currently anticipates will require registration with, or
6 licensing by, the Board within the next three years?