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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** for approval of 2025 Annual FAM Report (Fuel Adjustment Mechanism)

REDACTED INFORMATION REQUESTS

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Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

Request IR-1:

Reference: Tab A1NC

a) The commentary notes the addition of a ‘Natural Gas Scheduler & Analyst’. Please confirm, or clarify otherwise, that on the org chart this position is referred to as the ‘Energy & Dispatch Optimization Analyst’.

b) The commentary refers to a position of ‘Senior Manager, Fuels Planning and Performance’. Please confirm, or clarify otherwise, that on the org chart this position is referred to as ‘Senior Manager, Compliance & Contracts’.

Request IR-2:

Reference: Tab A1NC

Please identify any positions on the org chart that were vacant on December 31, 2025 and when these positions were filled.

Request IR-3:

Reference: Tab A1NC

Were any changes made to Fuels’ organization in response to the March/April 2025 cyber event? Please explain.

Request IR-4:

Reference: Tab A2NC

a) In cell F9, please explain the ~55% increase in output at Lingan 2, relative to 2024.

b) Is the overall reduction in gas production and increase in solid fuel production relative to 2024 due to the SO2 certificate of variance? If there are other contributing factors, please explain.

c) Please explain the difference between the noted hydro capacity of 374 MW and the Total Hydro Winter Net Capacity of 494.8 MW in the 2025 10-year system outlook.

Request IR-5:

Reference: Tab A3NC

a) What is driving the reduction in forecast GHG compliance costs in 2026 versus 2025?

b) Please define and explain “EBS” (row 40).

Request IR-6:

Reference: Tab A5

a) What explains the [redacted] than forecasted output for 2025 of the wind farm in row 9?
b) What explains the [redacted] than forecasted output for 2025 of the IPP wind farm in row 17?
c) What explains the [redacted] than forecasted output for 2025 of the wind farm in row 30?
d) What explains the [redacted] than forecasted output for 2025 of the biomass plant in row 108?

Request IR-7:

Reference: Tab A6NC

a) Please explain why, as a solid fuel generator, Point Aconi's capacity factor was lower than budgeted, when solid fuel production overall was much higher than budgeted across the fleet? Please include reference to OBPS impacts.
b) In rows 40-61, 13 out of 15 generating units had actual Availability Factors (column G) that were lower than budgeted (column H). What is NSPI's view of the cause(s) of these results?

Request IR-8:

Reference: Tab A6(2)

In rows 7-26, 11 out of 15 generating units had actual Heat Rates (column G) that were [redacted] than budgeted (column H). What is NSPI's view of the cause(s) of these results?

Request IR-9:

Reference: Tab A6(3)NC

In rows 21 and 23, Point Tupper and Point Aconi demonstrated substantially improved DAFORs relative to the prior year. What is NSPI's view of the cause(s) of these results?

Request IR-10:

Reference: Tab A6(4b)

a) Please confirm that of the 91 listed forced outages, a Root Cause Analysis has been or will be conducted for just one of them. If not confirmed, please explain.
b) Please describe the incident for which an RCA is being completed.

Request IR-11:

Reference: Tab A6(4d)

What explains the substantial decrease in opacity derates in 2025 relative to 2024?

Request IR-12:

Reference: Tab A7NC

Please explain why total actual capital spending in 2025 (cell C33) was 23% below the ACE Budget in 2025 (cell K33). Please provide explanations of significant variances by station.

Request IR-13:

Reference: Tab A9NC

a) Please provide a reconciliation of the net OBPS cost for 2025 of $8.2 million to the amount of GHG compliance costs of $23 million noted in cell C16 on tab A3NC.

b) Have the GHG emissions been third-party verified and finalized for 2025?

Request IR-14:

Reference: Tab A10(2)

Please provide for each month of 2026:

a) Forecasted imported power over the New Brunswick intertie.

b) Forecasted NS Block (Base, Supplemental, and Makeup).

c) Forecasted Surplus Energy (Energy Access Agreement energy).

Request IR-15:

Reference: Tab A10c

Given the geopolitical events occurring in 2026, does NS Power have a revised forecast or high-level estimate of the change expected to the total costs for 2026?

Request IR-16:

Reference: Tab A12

Tab A12 appears to be identical to 2024. Please provide an updated report with the 2025 affiliate transactions.

Request IR-17:

Reference: Tab A15

Please provide a separate breakdown of curtailments for NS Power owned and Non-NS Power owned wind generation.