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Dear Ms. Wallace:

M12778 – Nova Scotia Power Incorporated – Interconnection Processes Proceeding – Annual Report

On March 31, 2026, NS Power filed its second Annual Interconnection Processes Proceeding Report. Written comments were filed by the Small Business Advocate, but the Consumer Advocate referred the Board to its submissions in Matter M12524 (the Concentric FERC 2023 report). On May 6, 2026, NS Power filed its reply submission.

The Board's letter dated August 4, 2026, in this matter provided the following directives:

Regarding temporary suspension of updates to the distribution hosting capacity table and interactive map due to the cybersecurity incident, NS Power is directed to advise the Board of the current status and to provide an expected date when the updates can resume.

On the network upgrade refund issue, NS Power is directed to advise the Board when it expects to file the required regulation for approval. Noting the concerns expressed by the SBA, NS Power should give further consideration to a consultation process with interested parties regarding its latest proposal prior to filing its application.

NS Power responded to those directives on August 24, 2026.

The Board panel considering this matter is Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair; Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair; and Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member.

In its response, NS Power stated that model development for distribution system impact and hosting capacity analysis is underway and that updates to the public map are currently on

track for September 2026. The Board notes that the updated Distribution Hosting Capacity Table was posted on NS Power's OASIS website as of September 25, 2026.

Regarding the distribution network upgrade cost allocation and refund regulation, NS Power stated that it is in the process of completing a comprehensive Regulation review, but "is not in a position to provide a specific timeline for filing proposed amendments to regulations at this time as the scope and nature of any amendments continue to be evaluated". However, NS Power did not address the Small Business Advocate's request for a technical session about network upgrade cost allocation and the rate base impact.

In the Board's Decision dated June 11, 2024, in Matter M10905, NS Power was directed to develop a cost allocation strawman proposal for distribution network upgrades, following the recommendation in the Synapse final report dated September 27, 2023. Subsequently, NS Power presented a strawman proposal which generated comments, concerns, and suggestions from interested parties. However, an application is yet to be filed regarding approval of the distribution network upgrade cost allocation and refund regulation, which addresses concerns previously expressed by interested parties, and most recently noted in the Board's letter of August 4, 2026. NS Power is directed to file that application **no later than December 31, 2026**, following a consultative process with interested parties.

Yours very truly,



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