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Nova Scotia Energy Board
1601 Lower Water St., 3rd Floor
Halifax, NS B3J 3P6

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Attention: Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Re: EfficiencyOne Application for Approval of Demand Side Management (DSM) Resource Plan and Purchase Agreement for 2027-2031

This letter is an accompaniment to EfficiencyOne's filing of today's date with the Nova Scotia Energy Board ("NSEB"), seeking approval of EfficiencyOne's proposed 2027-2031 Demand Side Management ("DSM") Resource Plan ("Plan") and Purchase Agreement for DSM Activities between EfficiencyOne and Nova Scotia Power Inc. ("NS Power").

In support of its Application for Approval of the 2027-2031 DSM Resource Plan, EfficiencyOne's filing includes:

- Notice of Application
- Evidence on behalf of EfficiencyOne, which includes:

Appendix A:

- Preferred Plan - 2027-2031 DSM Resource Plan
- Attachment 1 - 2027-2031 Modelling Assumptions
- Attachment 2 - Program Savings and Investment by Rate Class
- Attachment 3 - 2027-2031 Energy Efficiency and Solar-PV Technical Tables
- Attachment 4 – 2027-2031 Demand Response Technical Tables
- Attachment 5 - Innovation Framework, Process and Plan for 2027-2031

Appendix B

- Rate and Bill Impact Analysis of the 2027-2031 DSM Resource Plan and 2026 Historical
- Attachment 1: RBIA Summary Results - 2027-2031 DSM Resource Plan and 2026 Historical
- Attachment 2: Results by Rate Class (2027-2031 Preferred Plan)
- Attachment 3: Results by Rate Class (2027-2031 Alternate Scenario)

- Attachment 4: Results by Rate Class (2026 Historical)
- Attachment 5: Assumptions (2027-2031 DSM Resource Plan and 2026 Historical)
- Attachment 6: NS Power Pricing Methodology
- Attachment 7: NS Power Rate Model – 2027-2031 Preferred Plan and 2026 Historical
- Attachment 8: NS Power Rate Model – 2027-2031 Alternate Scenario and 2026 Historical
- Attachment 9: E1 RBIA Model – 2027-2031 Preferred Plan and 2026 Historical
- Attachment 10: E1 RBIA Model – 2027-2031 Alternate Scenario and 2026 Historical

Appendix C

- Alternate Scenario - 2027-2031 DSM Resource Plan

Appendix D: Proposed form of DSM Purchase Agreement Redline**Appendix E:** Proposed form of DSM Purchase Agreement Clean**Appendix F:** Proposed Updated Standardized Filing Framework

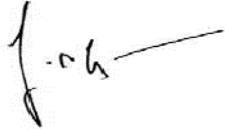
In accordance with Section 79I of the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNS 1989, c. 380 as amended ("PUA"), EfficiencyOne and NS Power are proposing to enter into an agreement (the "DSM Purchase Agreement"), subject to NSEB approval through this Application, through which EfficiencyOne would provide NS Power with DSM services for the 2027-2031 term. The proposed DSM Purchase Agreement included with this filing is consistent with previous agreements reached between EfficiencyOne and NS Power. It is a commercial agreement governing the relationship between the parties and the manner in which DSM will be provided by EfficiencyOne to NS Power. It incorporates the requirements of the PUA which provide that the Agreement:

- (a) Not be terminable or terminated unless the franchise holder's franchise is terminated or the termination is approved by the Board;
- (b) Be for a term of five years;
- (c) Describe the DSM that the franchise holder will provide to NS Power;
- (d) Identify the amount that NS Power will pay to the franchise holder for the supply of DSM; and
- (e) Include such other reasonable terms as the Board considers appropriate.

In past DSM proceedings, EfficiencyOne's Annual Progress Report, Evaluation and Verification reports, filed on March 31, were considered during the DSM application. Following NSEB approval of the 2020-2022 DSM Resource Plan, the Board directed, through its May 11, 2020 correspondence, that these reports be considered by stakeholders and interested parties through the DSM Advisory Group. This approach has been successful, with stakeholder questions addressed through this process. EfficiencyOne requests that the Board give consideration to continued review of these filings through the DSM Advisory Group rather than forming a part of this regulatory proceeding.

Finally, EfficiencyOne respectfully requests that, in the event a final decision on the full Application cannot be rendered prior to January 1, 2027, the Board issue an interim order approving the 2027 funding level to ensure continuity of DSM programming and to allow NS Power to collect the necessary funds from ratepayers commencing January 1, 2027, consistent with the requirements of section 79J of the PUA.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. Gogan", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James R. Gogan