

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 the 2025 Storm Restoration Cost Report

INFORMATION REQUESTS

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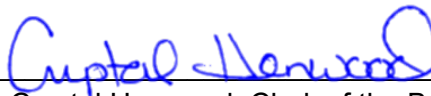
From: Board Staff
Nova Scotia Energy Board

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Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

Request IR-1:

On pdf pg. 5 of the report, NS Power states: “An outage report was not compiled for the Level 3 Winter Storm EOC event on December 5, 2025, as the storm did not meet the reporting threshold. Outage prediction models based on weather forecasts from multiple weather providers indicated up to 28,000 customers could be impacted by the storm using NS Power’s Damage Prediction Model. Additionally, cold temperatures were forecasted and difficult travel and restoration conditions were expected due to snow accumulation. Therefore, NS Power planned for a Level 3 EOC event based on the expectation for restoration delays longer than 36 hours.”

- a) Please explain specifically how NS Power estimated that up to 28,000 customers could be affected by the expected outage. In providing this response, please provide copies of all quantitative analysis completed by NS Power to arrive at this estimate.
- b) Please explain specifically how NS Power estimated that restoration delays from the expected outage would be longer than 36 hours. In providing this response, please provide copies of all quantitative analysis completed by NS Power to arrive at this estimate.
- c) Please identify the actual total restoration time for the Dec. 5, 2025, event.

Request IR-2:

As it relates to Figure 3 on pdf pg. 6 of the report:

- a) Please provide a breakdown the OM&G costs for the Dec. 5, 2025, event.
- b) For any of these costs related to “Contracts”, please explain specifically how NS Power determined these to be an appropriate level of expense.
- c) Please identify the number of Contract “restoration” resources assigned to this event.
- d) Please identify the number of NS Power “restoration” resources assigned to this event.

Request IR-3:

As it relates to Figures 5 and 6 on pdf pgs. 7-8 of the report:

- a) Are any of the “Contracts” costs in the Figure associated with affiliates of NS Power?
- b) If the answer to part a) is yes:
 - i. Please provide a list of the affiliates that were contracted, with their associated contract amounts.
 - ii. Please describe how the services of these affiliates were procured.

Request IR-4:

On pdf pg. 9 of the report, NSP states: "Storm restoration costs for the two Level 3 EOC events are separated into storm preparation (storm readying) costs and restoration (storm response) costs, as presented in Figure 7. The storm readying category includes mobilization costs for powerline technician (PLT) contractors, hotel accommodations for PLT contractors for the night preceding the start of restoration activities, and one day of meal per diems for those contractors. Mobilization charges are applied in accordance with the limits established in NS Power's storm contracts. Costs associated with internal resources, traffic control, and vegetation management contractors are not included in the storm readying category, as these resources do not incur mobilization costs, nor require pre restoration hotel accommodations, and are not eligible for meal per diems until restoration work begins. All other storm related costs are classified as storm response costs."

a) Please provide a breakdown of the "Storm Response" costs for the Dec. 5, 2025, event.

b) Please provide a breakdown of the "Storm Response" costs for the Dec. 19-20, 2025, event.

Request IR-5:

On pdf pg. 11 of the report, NS Power notes that it has created a new job titled 'Manager, Contractor Oversight'. Please provide the job description for this position.

Request IR-6:

Pdf pg. 13 of the report notes that the Damage Prediction Model was calibrated with actual storm data in July 2025. Please explain this statement further. How was the model calibrated before July 2025?

Request IR-7:

On pdf pg. 14 of the report NS Power notes it is planning to implement a software platform in 2026 to further monitor and control contractor costs. NS Power notes that the commercially available software will enable it to reliably predict the impact of high impact weather events.

a) Has this software been tested by NS power to determine if its use has an improved impact on the reliability of storm impact forecasts?

b) If not, has NS Power enquired of other utilities that have already implemented it or a similar software to get an idea of the improvement to traditional modelling?

c) How is NS Power currently predicting storm impacts if not with the use of software?