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Request IR-1:

Please provide the total cost of the January 18–19, 2026 winter storm, broken down by cost category, including internal labour, overtime, contractors, materials, equipment, and vegetation management.

Response IR-1:

Breakdown of January 19, 2026 Operating Storm Restoration cost by Account:

Account	January 19/26 Level 3 Storm
Regular & Term Labour	177,835
Overtime Labour	633,296
Meals & Travel	170,766
Materials	22,906
Contracts	1,853,086
Tree Trimming	305,643
Other	24,031
Capital Contributions (Bell)	(162,962)
Total	3,024,602

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Request IR-2:

The report indicates that the South Shore experienced 39,609 customer impacts and 914,299 customer-hours of interruption, with only 48.68% of customers restored within 24 hours and an average restoration time of 29.0 hours. Please explain why South Shore restoration performance was materially worse than other regions, including:

- (a) The primary operational constraints;**
- (b) Whether road access, crew availability, damage severity, geography, or vegetation conditions were the main drivers;**
- (c) The number of crews assigned to South Shore by time period;**
- (d) Whether additional crews were requested or available; and**
- (e) Whether any circuit-specific vulnerabilities contributed to the duration of outages.**

Response IR-2:

- (a) The primary constraints were safe travel conditions and loading conditions.**
- (b) Road access, and vegetation (all related to the heavy snow) were main drivers, along with the cold temperatures.**

(c)

Depot	# of Field Resources			
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Bridgewater	62	102	147	15
Liverpool	24	27	29	0

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- 2 (c) Starting on January 19, additional crews were re-dispatched from elsewhere in the province
- 3 to the west. Also, additional crews were mobilized from out of province to augment the
- 4 response.
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- 6 (d) Several circuits were challenged with cold load restoration issues: (73W-411, 91W-411,
- 7 101W-411).

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Request IR-3:

For all outages attributed to tree contacts, falling trees, or untrimmed trees, please provide:

(a) The affected circuits/feeders; and

(b) The date each affected circuit was last trimmed or inspected.

Response IR-3:

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(a-b) Feeders where at least one event (regardless of size) coded as tree contact occurred during the January 18-19, 2026 event are provided in the table below.

Source	Events	CI	CHI	Last Trim Year	Inspected Year
100C-421	1	984	811	2026	2024
101H-411	1	278	4,266	2025	2024
101H-413	1	93	2,781	2025	2024
101H-421	3	1,294	21,882	2025	2024
101W-411	16	3,004	125,016	2026	2024
102W-311	1	1	2	2026	2024
102W-312	1	14	92	2026	2024
103H-432	1	11	131	2023	2024
103H-434	2	272	45	2023	2024
103W-311	7	453	13,530	2025	2024
103W-312	3	1,731	17,899	2025	2024
104H-413	1	1	15	2026	2024
104H-423	1	1,649	9,706	2026	2024
104H-441	1	1,778	21,500	2023	2024

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108H-412	1	1	22	Prior to 2015	2024
111S-314	1	5	18	2015	2024
113H-432	1	12	124	2026	2024
113H-434	1	239	2,618	2023	2024
113H-441	1	2,053	15,870	2025	2024
11S-301	1	30	46	2023	2024
126H-313	1	17	291	2026	2024
126H-314	1	7	182	2026	2024
127H-411	2	8	278	2026	2024
129H-412	2	5,298	41,594	2023	2024
129H-414	1	4	45	Prior to 2015	2024
131H-421	1	1,831	19,962	2022	2024
131H-422	1	4	110	2025	2024
131H-423	3	1,799	16,474	2023	2024
137H-412	2	787	4,642	2025	2024
137H-413	1	39	1,079	2025	2024
141H-401	1	2,145	11,690	2022	2024
15N-403	1	89	867	2026	2024
15N-404	1	524	1,813	2025	2024
16V-314	1	1	1	2025	2024
18V-411	4	46	570	2023	2024
18V-412	1	838	11,814	2025	2024
18V-413	3	5	106	2023	2024
1N-402	1	1	20	2025	2024
1V-443	7	61	2,248	2025	2024
20V-311	1	1,375	14,222	2025	2024
22C-404	1	1	10	2026	2024
22V-314	1	1	16	2025	2024

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23H-302	2	1,696	18,168	2023	2024
23W-302	1	273	4,676	2026	2024
24C-443	1	1	8	2025	2024
25W-301	5	498	7,089	2026	2024
25W-302	3	717	6,822	2026	2024
25W-303	2	999	10,055	2025	2024
2H-411	1	174	2,104	2024	2024
2H-423	1	3,831	27,905	2025	2024
36V-302	2	1,649	17,184	2024	2024
36V-303	4	1,430	18,471	2025	2024
36W-301	4	972	2,884	2025	2024
36W-304	1	133	162	2026	2024
46W-301	5	260	8,954	2025	2024
48H-302	5	845	1,700	2022	2024
4N-313	1	1	5	2026	2024
50W-411	2	37	1,346	2026	2024
50W-412	1	1	33	2026	2024
51V-301	1	2	47	2026	2024
55V-322	1	20	140	2024	2024
57C-422	2	2	10	2025	2024
57C-426	2	532	55	2025	2024
57W-401	3	156	5,866	2025	2024
57W-402	2	340	11,920	2026	2024
58C-403	5	7	58	2025	2024
58C-405	7	19	122	2025	2024
58H-421	2	1,854	10,309	2023	2024
59C-401	1	2	13	2017	2024
62H-302	1	215	1,487	Prior to 2015	2024

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62N-415	2	2	4	2026	2024
64V-301	5	1,063	5,707	2018	2024
65V-302	3	218	914	2026	2024
65V-303	3	379	1,462	2026	2024
67C-412	1	2	36	2024	2024
70W-311	3	498	12,305	2026	2024
70W-312	1	1	33	2023	2024
70W-313	2	636	19,159	2025	2024
70W-321	7	2,358	26,327	2024	2024
73W-411	20	1,934	72,615	2026	2024
73W-412	3	36	1,576	2017	2024
76V-301	3	313	7,459	2026	2024
78W-302	1	1	39	2021	2024
79V-401	3	1,378	13,200	2025	2024
79V-402	2	36	596	2025	2024
79V-403	2	1,596	8,126	2025	2024
82V-402	1	1	27	2026	2024
82V-423	3	780	2,191	2021	2024
83V-302	1	720	1,348	2024	2024
83V-303	1	3	86	2025	2024
84W-301	8	1,033	6,822	2025	2024
84W-302	1	195	954	2026	2024
85S-401	2	2	11	2025	2024
87H-313	1	9	303	2023	2024
87W-311	1	436	3,457	2026	2024
87W-312	3	8	125	2025	2024
88H-401	2	135	1,035	2025	2024
89W-302	5	2,175	15,480	2017	2024

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Source	Events	CI	CHI	Last Trim Year	Inspected Year
89W-303	7	621	27,863	2025	2024
91W-411	5	647	21,494	2026	2024
92H-331	5	125	1,015	2026	2024
92H-332	2	1,167	7,457	2018	2024
92H-334	2	246	2,679	2025	2024
96H-411	1	166	1,307	2022	2024
99V-311	1	1,101	2,159	2021	2024
99V-312	1	2	53	2025	2024

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Request IR-4:

(a) Please explain how NS Power distinguishes between outages classified as “Adverse Weather – Wet Snow” and outages classified as “Tree Contacts – Falling Trees” where both appear to involve wet snow accumulation on trees or lines.

(b) Please provide the written cause-coding guidance used by field crews and outage analysts and explain whether any quality assurance review was performed to ensure consistent classification across regions.

Response IR-4:

(a-b) NS Power follows the Electricity Canada guidelines when identifying an outage event cause code as due to either Adverse Weather or Tree Contacts. For each outage event, NS Power determines the cause of the outage and records that information. The nature of outages caused by tree contacts is such that sometimes the branch or limb that caused the event may have shaken loose or broken prior to the crew’s arrival and may no longer physically be lying on the conductor. In other cases, trees can bend and contact energized conductors and later return to their upright positions when the weather abates. These are intermittent tree impacts.

In order to be consistent with Electricity Canada’s cause code guidelines, if the field crew is not able to identify the tree that led to an outage, and other categories have been eliminated, the general (cause) category of Adverse Weather (including Wet Snow or Wind) is used. This determination is made by the field crews based on the best information available at the time. Many of these outages are associated with intermittent tree impacts.

The adverse weather pie charts included in the Company’s outage reports are generated based on the sub-cause provided for events coded as Adverse Weather. As noted, when a field crew assesses the cause of an outage after a strong wind and/or heavy wet snow and

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1 ice event and is unable to identify any other source of damage to the powerline
2 infrastructure which would have reasonably led to the operation of downline protective
3 devices such as reclosers and fuses, the field crew selects Adverse Weather as the event
4 cause code. As such, the Adverse Weather cause code may include outage events that
5 involve tree contacts.

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7 Following a storm event, outage event data is reviewed by NS Power SMEs to identify any
8 discrepancies or errors, including in the appropriateness of the reported causes based on
9 available data on the interruption event.