

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 the Storm Outage Analysis Report – January 18-19, 2026

INFORMATION REQUESTS

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From: **Board Staff**
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Responses Due: **Friday, July 10, 2026**

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for Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

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.

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.

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.

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.