

July 17, 2026

Ms. Crystal Henwood
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk of the Board
Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
3rd Floor, 1601 Lower Water Street
Halifax, NS B3J 3P6

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Re: *Matter M12795 – Town of Berwick Electric Commission – Factorydale Hydropower Plant Refurbishment - \$6,000,000*

On April 8, 2026, the Berwick Electric Commission ("BEC") filed a Capital Expenditure Application for approval of the Factorydale Hydropower Plant Refurbishment. The Application was accompanied by a detailed condition assessment, feasibility study, and cost option scenarios.

On April 20, 2026, the Nova Scotia Energy Board (the "Board") issued a Hearing Order providing opportunity for parties to intervene, ask Information Requests, make submissions, and provide letters of comment. No Interventions were received, and Board Staff was the only party to file Information Requests. On June 18, 2026, BEC provided substantive and complete responses to 42 Information Requests. The deadline for letters of comment was yesterday, July 16, 2026, and none were filed with the Board.

Accordingly, and for the reasons set out in its Application and responses to Information Requests, BEC respectfully requests timely approval of this Capital Work Order Application in the amount of \$6,000,000. The refurbishment of Factorydale represents a critical infrastructure investment that is in the best interests of BEC's ratepayers.

Yours truly,



James MacDuff