

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 INC. for approval
of CI C0080108– L5532 Replacements and Upgrades Phase 1 –
\$3,455,473 (FIN)**

INFORMATION REQUESTS

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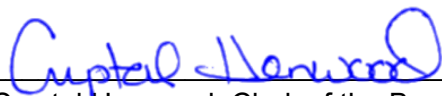
From: **Nova Scotia Energy Board**
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Request IR-1:

The application notes that this project includes the replacement of deteriorated assets on 75 structures. The application also notes that this project is required to replace deteriorated assets that have been identified through NS Power's transmission line inspection program such as wood poles, crossarms, anchors, guying components, insulators, and associated hardware.

Based on the detailed project estimate provided on page 3 of the application, the total project cost, including Administrative Overhead and Allowance for Funds Used During Construction is \$3,455,473.

The Board recently approved CI C0041805 – L7005 Replacements and Upgrades Phase 2 (M12506) and CI C0031122 – L6539 Replacements and Upgrades (M12203).

a) Please provide a detailed scope breakdown of this project, including replacement items such as pin insulators, crossarms, primary aerial conductors, inline disconnectors, cutouts, reclosers, wood poles, jumpers, and fuse links, along with the associated labour and material costs.

b) Please provide a detailed scope breakdown for projects C0041805 and C0031122, consistent with the level of detail requested in item a).

i. Please indicate if there are any cost variances associated with the replacement of comparable components across the three projects, and provide an explanation for any such variances.

Request IR-2:

Given that the utility undertakes transmission line replacement and upgrade projects on a regular basis, why is \$7,000 allocated to overtime labour, and why can't this work be completed during regular business hours.

Request IR-3:

The utility has included a 15% contingency for this project. The utility undertakes transmission line replacement and upgrade projects on a routine basis. The Board understands that for a routine project, the work scope, methods, quantities, and typical issues should be more predictable. Therefore, the Board is uncertain about the justification for applying a 15% contingency to this project.

a) Please explain why the utility applies a 15% fixed contingency to all its transmission line replacements and upgrades project, including this project.

- 1 b) Please provide all specific risks, along with their probability of occurrence and the
- 2 confidence level, that together account for the 15% contingency.