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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 Annual and Regulated Financial Statements - 2025

INFORMATION REQUESTS

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From:
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Responses Due: **Tuesday, August 4, 2026**

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Crystal Henwood

Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

Request IR-1:

Attachment 1, Regulated Operating Revenues

a) Please provide a detailed breakdown of actual and forecasted revenues and corresponding energy sales (in GWh) by customer class for each year from 2020 through 2025. For each class and year, please include, customer count, total revenue in dollars, and total energy sales in GWh. Additionally, please identify any major factors contributing to changes in revenue or sales volumes over the period;

b) Please provide the total "customer operations" costs aggregated under the following categories for 2023, 2024, the test year, and 2025 (actual): fleet, line services, utility services, and meter and inspection services. In addition to the aggregated totals for each category by year, please include a brief explanation of any significant changes or variances between 2024 (actual) and 2025;

c) Please provide a detailed breakdown of all outstanding debt instruments and a reconciliation of the reported interest expense to the financial statements. This should include comparative data for 2024 and 2025 where available; and

d) Please provide an updated reconciliation of the income tax recovery of $36 million similar to the one provided in response to Board IR-1(f) in matter M12227.

Request IR-2:

Please provide details of the financial statements related to NS Power Energy Marketing Incorporated (NSPEMI) for 2025 with 2024 comparative amounts. Please indicate any major financial transactions in the year related to NSPEMI.

Request IR-3:

Attachment 2, Note 17 – Short-Term Debt:

a) Please explain the increase in short-term debt from nil in prior years to approximately $500 million as at December 31, 2025. Please identify the principal uses of these borrowings and indicate whether management expects the balance to be temporary or structural in nature;

b) Please explain how NS Power addressed the maturity of the $500 million non-revolving facility in May 2026, including whether the facility was repaid, refinanced or replaced; and

c) Please provide the most recent credit rating reports for NS Power from S&P and DBRS Morningstar.

Request IR-4:

Please provide the actuarial valuation reports supporting the 2025 pension and post-retirement benefit obligations and plan assets.

Request IR-5:

Attachment 2, Note 9 – Receivables:

a) The accounts receivable balance increased to $557 million from $417 million in 2024. Please explain the principal factors contributing to this increase. Additionally, please quantify the extent to which the changes were attributable to:
   i. Higher customer bills;
   ii. Growth in customer accounts and electricity sales;
   iii. Increases in customer arrears and overdue balances;
   iv. Unbilled revenue accruals;
   v. Billing, collection, meter-reading, or customer account impacts associated with the cybersecurity incident; and
   vi. Any other material factors.

b) Please provide a high-level summary aging of the year-end balances for billed customer receivables for each year from 2021 through 2025, including amounts classified as current, 30–60 days past due, 61–90 days past due, and over 90 days past due, as well as the related allowance for credit losses, write-offs, recoveries, and bad debt expense.; and

c) Please provide a breakdown of the 2024 and 2025 other receivables balances by major category, including the nature of each balance and the amount outstanding.

Request IR-6:

Note 11 to the audited financial statements indicates that past-due financial assets increased from approximately $56 million in 2024 to approximately $119 million in 2025, while the estimated reduction in fair value associated with these balances remained relatively modest. Please explain the factors supporting management's assessment of collectability and provide:

a) Breakdown of the past-due balances by customer class; and

b) Any changes in collection practices, credit policies, or customer assistance programs implemented during 2025.

Request IR-7:

a) Please explain the circumstances and considerations that led to NS Power's $340 million return of capital to Emera in 2025. In the response, please describe the business purpose of the transaction, the determination of the amount and timing of the transaction and how the transaction was considered in the context of NS Power's overall financial position, liquidity, capital structure and financing needs; and

b) Please explain the why NS Power's regulated actual equity thickness of approximately 34.8% as at December 31,2025, is below the approved equity thickness of 40%.

Request IR-8:

Please provide a breakdown of the $15 million of development assets transferred to Wasoqonatl Transmission Incorporated (WTI), including the nature of the assets or costs transferred.

Request IR-9:

Attachment 2, Note 18 – Other Current Liabilities:

Please provide a breakdown of the $61 million accrued charges included in Other Current Liabilities as at December 31, 2025.

Request IR-10:

Attachment 2, Note 19 – Long-Term Debt:

Please explain whether NS Power's increased use of discount notes and credit facility borrowings in 2025 reflects temporary financing needs or a broader shift toward greater reliance on short-term and variable rate financing. Please also identify the key drivers of the increase and indicate whether they are temporary, recurring, or structural in nature.

Request IR-11:

Attachment 2, Note 21 – Commitments and Contingencies:

a) Please explain the increase in purchased power commitments from $5.192 billion at December 31, 2024 to $7.010 billion at December 31, 2025;

b) Please provide a high-level summary of the $7.010 billion purchased power commitment disclosed in Note 21, including counterparty, resource type, contract term, remaining term, pricing structure, and expected annual volumes; and

c) Please identify any material commitments that may become underutilized, uneconomic, or less flexible under current system planning assumptions.

Request IR-12:

Please provide an update on the current status of the dispute with the CRA regarding deductions claimed in prior years, including any significant developments to date and NS Power's expected timeline for resolution.