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Dear Ms. Myatt:

M12837 - Nova Scotia Power Inc. - CI C0061552 L6043 Replacements and Upgrades

The Board has reviewed an application by Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NS Power) dated May 4, 2026, in which Board approval was requested for the following Capital work order:

<u>CI Number and Project Title</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Revised Cost</u>	<u>Variance</u>
CI C0061552 L6043 Replacements and Upgrades	\$2,457,629	\$3,603,351	\$1,145,722

Board staff issued Information Requests (IRs) on this matter on July 22, 2026, with NS Power providing responses on August 13, 2026.

The project was initially included in NS Power's 2025 Annual Capital Expenditure Plan (ACE Plan) as a project for subsequent submission. The project was deferred to 2026 and included in the 2026 ACE Plan as a project for subsequent submission.

The original scope of the project involved the replacement of deteriorated assets on approximately 41 structures along the 28.9-kilometre, 138 kV L6043 transmission line, which connects the 113H Dartmouth East substation to the 126H Porters Lake and 87H Musquodoboit Harbour substations. The assets noted for replacement were identified through NS Power's transmission inspection program.

The project was submitted in the 2025 ACE plan with a \$1.35 million budget and then subsequently submitted in the 2026 ACE plan with an increased budget of \$2.46 million. NS Power has revised the total cost estimate to \$3.6 million.

In the application and in responses to Board IRs NS Power explained that the cost estimates included in the 2025 and 2026 ACE Plans were high-level estimates, completed before detailed project costing was complete.

The Board reviewed the revised project cost estimate and understands that the increase in the estimated cost between the 2025 and 2026 ACE Plans and this submission is largely due to an increase in project scope, which also increased material and additional service estimates (such as flagging, rock breaking, pole haulage, environmental and other permits).

NS Power explained that the condition of a number of the structures included in this project deteriorated between inspections in 2024 and 2026. It says that this change in condition increases the likelihood of unplanned power interruptions due to potential asset failures. The updated condition assessments resulted in an increase in scope from 41 affected structures to 52. The addition of these 11 structures along with the added requirement of performing structure and asset replacements under live line conditions increased the projected number of working days from 47 in the initial estimate to 70. Additionally, rates for the contractor work increased by 2% between the 2025 and 2026 estimates. The cost of the contractor work is based on a services agreement with a third-party contractor that was awarded following a competitive bidding process.

The Board approves NS Power's transmission line capital project as detailed in the current capital application, including the revised scope of 52 full structure replacements and associated component replacements, the updated cost estimates reflecting material, labor, contracting, and contingency adjustments, and the proposed project completion timeline extending to August 2027. The Board approves NS Power's request in the amount of \$3,603,351 with respect to this capital expenditure request.

Yours very truly,



Marc Dunning, P.Eng., LL.B
Member



NSEB APPROVAL SHEET

Project Title: L6043 Replacements and Upgrades

CI Number: C0061552

Date: May 4, 2026

Expenditure Profile			Type of Filing
Year	Budget Amount	Project Estimate	☐ Capital Project Authorization ☐ Unforeseen and Unbudgeted (U&U) ☐ Planned & Advanced (P&A) ☒ Subsequent Approval Item ☐ Authorization to Overspend (ATO) ☐ Scope Change ☐ Final Cost (FIN)
2026	1,626,537	2,364,378	
2027	831,092	1,238,973	
Total	\$2,457,629	\$3,603,351	

COMMENTS

Submitted on behalf of NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED



Authorized Signatory
Dave Pickles
Chief Operating Officer

DATE
May 4, 2026

Approved on behalf of NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD



DATE
September 11, 2026

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