

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF: AN APPLICATION by the **LUNENBURG ELECTRIC UTILITY** for approval of the Capital Expenditure associated with the Replacement of Overhead Transformers on the Distribution System at a total estimated cost of \$600,000

2nd SET INFORMATION REQUESTS

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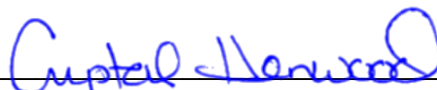
From: **Board Staff**
Nova Scotia Energy Board

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

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Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

Request IR-11:

In response to IR-1, LEU stated that the project includes 60 sets of transformers, cutouts and associated hardware. However, in response to IR-4 (b), LEU stated the following:

b) approx. 88 transformers, 40 poles, if required, due to transformers being installed non-standard and too low on poles, 88 cutouts.

a) Please explain the difference between the quantities provided in IR-1 and IR-4(6) and confirm the final quantities for each equipment category included in the project scope.

i. Please provide an updated cost summary table that reflects the confirmed quantities, unit costs, and total costs for each equipment category.

ii. Please clarify whether all transformers that will be removed are being removed solely to comply with the PCB Regulations, or whether some transformers are being removed to support voltage conversion.

iii. If the project has both PCB-compliance and voltage-conversion objectives, please update the cost summary table to identify the quantities, costs, and scope items associated with each objective.

iv. Please provide any technical assessments, studies, or recommendations prepared by NS Power, LEU, or LEU's consultants that support the need to convert the feeders or replace equipment for voltage-conversion purposes.

v. If the voltage-conversion project is a separate project, please indicate LEU's plan to submit a project application to the Board, or provide the related matter number if such an application already exists.

Request IR-12:

a) Please provide an updated project cost estimate table that includes all estimated project costs, including contingency allowance, quantities, unit costs excluding contingency, and total estimated costs. In the table, please indicate that the proposed \$600,000 excludes applicable taxes.

b) Please group the estimate by major cost category, as applicable, including labour, materials, contracts, consulting, freight, services, interest, administrative overhead, contingency, and any other applicable categories.

Request IR-13:

a) Please explain how LEU intends to fund the project and provide the detailed funding structure, including the proposed sources of funds, funding conditions, and timing of recovery.

b) Please also explain the expected impact of the project on customer rates, the utility's financial position, and operating funds.

Request IR-14:

In response to IR-5, LEU noted that no RFP was issued because LEU has a contract with NS Power for field work, and the transformers will be procured through NS Power as part of that contract.

a) Please provide additional information regarding the contract between LEU and NS Power for services and equipment procurement, including the scope of services, pricing basis, procurement responsibilities, and how the service arrangement is governed.

b) Please explain how the costs proposed by K-Line compare with the costs that would have applied under the original NS Power service arrangement, quantify the cost impact of the change in service provider, and identify the additional financial burden for LEU or its customers, if any.

i. Please provide a side-by-side comparison of the K-Line quotation and the estimated NS Power costs for the same scope of work.

ii. If the cost of K-Line's service is higher, please explain whether LEU considered applying to the Minister for an extension under section 17.1 of the PCB Regulations to better accommodate scheduling and procurement plan, and avoid increased financial burden. If LEU did not consider an extension, please explain why not.

Request IR-15:

In the application on page 2, LEU stated that "By upgrading these existing locations, it also prepares these locations for conversion to 12 kV." In response to IR-9, LEU also stated that it has planned a new 15 kV substation.

Please explain the relationship between the planned 15 kV substation and the proposed 12 kV system conversion.