M12898

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: *The Public Utilities Act,* R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 380, as amended.

IN THE MATTER OF: AN APPLICATION by NOVA SCOTIA POWER INC. for Approval of Distribution Routines CI Various - D055 - Planned Replacement of Deteriorated Equipment (ATO) - $11,359,822

INFORMATION REQUESTS (NON-CONFIDENTIAL)

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From: Small Business Advocate

Responses Due: July 28, 2026

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Request IR-1:

Refer to M12898, Exhibit N-1, Nova Scotia Power Incorporated ("NS Power") CI Various - Distribution Routines ATO (Non-Confidential) June 11, 2026 ("ATO Application), Distribution Routines – Reason for Variance, table showing 2025 ACE dollars approved vs 2025 Actual dollars spent and Variance, page 1 of 1, and also refer to the explanation provided below the table::

> …Bin Work is up by $10.2 million due to the advancement of higher-priority condition-driven work identified during the feeder inspection program, including projects in the Glace Bay area. Field driven work is up by $1.7 million due to the increased deficiencies driven by regional operations and regional engineering. …. (Emphasis - Underline added.)

a) Please identify the matter number that describes the scope for planned replacement by year, under NS Power's feeder replacement program.

b) Does the underlined reference to Bin Work being up by $10.2 million due to advancement of work mean that NS Power expects to spend less on replacing deteriorated assets during 2026?

c) What portion of the D055 actual spend is due to distribution lines being moved to roadside versus work on distribution lines that are not moved? Please provide both dollar amounts and the length of distribution lines that have been moved to roadside under this ATO.

d) What is meant by higher 2025 actual spend for field driven work being due to "deficiencies" in operations and engineering? Please address each category of deficiency separately and also explain how much less the cost would have been had these deficiencies not occurred.

e) How does the 2025 Actual spend impact the feeder inspection program for 2026 and NS Power's Five-Year Reliability Plan?

f) What percentage of the 2025 Actual spend is related solely to "…customer notification (Bin Work)…" that is mentioned in this same paragraph on page 1 of 1?