

July 28, 2026

Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board
Nova Scotia Energy Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
Halifax, NS B3J 3S3

Re: M12898 - Distribution Routines CI Various- D055 – Planned Replacement of Deteriorated Equipment (ATO)

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Enclosed are Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s (NS Power, Company) responses to information requests (IRs) pertaining to the Distribution Routines referenced above.

Board IRs were received on June 29, 2026 and Intervenor IRs were received on July 7, 2026.

Request for Confidentiality

Pursuant to Rule 12 of the Board Regulatory Rules, NS Power requests partial confidential treatment of CA IR-5 and its Attachments. NS Power's support for its request is provided below in accordance with Rule 12(4):

Commercial Information

To protect value for customers and mitigate the risk of prospective proponents having access to the information itemized above, and maintain good business relations with vendors, this information is confidential.

The more a supplier is aware of NS Power's specific requirements and a competing vendor's costs, the better the supplier's ability to obtain the highest price, reduce competition and ultimately increase the cost for NS Power and its customers. The cost of such transparency is not always immediately evident. Information from regulatory proceedings can provide competitive advantages over other suppliers, and that could be advantageous in bidding or negotiation. Higher prices, or avoidable contractual constraints, will result in unnecessary higher costs to customers.

NS Power seeks to keep the terms and conditions of suppliers' pricing and arrangements confidential from their other customers or potential competitors. This prevents competitors from using the information to gain a competitive advantage. This is equally true for NS Power, which desires to protect its ability to acquire services and equipment on the most competitive terms. Those "best" terms may not be available if there is a risk that they will be disclosed to the customers or competitors of the supplier.

Since NS Power customer rates are cost-based, the maintenance of confidentiality for this item is to the direct benefit of customers.

A confidentiality undertaking is enclosed for the Board's review and approval.

Yours truly,



Lana Myatt
Manager, Regulatory Capital

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