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August 11, 2026

VIA EMAIL

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

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Re: M12898 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. – Distribution Routines CI Various – Planned Replacement of Deteriorated Equipment (ATO) - \$1,359,822

The Small Business Advocate (SBA) has reviewed Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s (NSPI) Distribution Routine D055 Report (the "Report") and its responses to Information Requests from the Consumer Advocate, Board and the SBA and provides the following submissions.

It is positive to see that NSPI is continuing with its Powerline Technicians (PLT) recruitment efforts and the reduction in the percentage of overtime expenses suggests that the increase in PLT's should provide both reliability and financial benefits. The SBA respectfully submits that NSPI should provide continuing updates on its PLT recruitment and hiring efforts.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTED SUBMITTED this 11th day of August, 2026.

Yours truly,

Melissa P. MacAdam
Small Business Advocate