



May 15, 2026

Ms. Crystal Henwood
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk
Nova Scotia Energy Board
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Re: 2026 Load Forecast and 10 Year System Outlook Reports - IESO Nova Scotia Approach

Dear Ms. Henwood:

The Nova Scotia Wholesale and Renewable to Retail Electricity Market Rules (Market Rules) provide the following with respect to the Load Forecast and 10 Year System Outlook (10YSO) filings, respectively:

3.3.1.2, The NSPSO shall file with the Board its 10 year energy and demand forecast by the end of April each year for the 10 year period beginning in the following January.

3.3.1.3, The NSPSO shall make and Publish its 10 year forecast and assessment of system capacity and adequacy by the end of June each year for the period beginning in the following January. This 10 year forecast and assessment shall have a 10 year time horizon and monthly granularity. This 10 year forecast and assessment shall contain the information necessary to provide a basis for identification of system-wide or location-specific shortfalls in capability as a basis for planning investment in DSM, generation and transmission.¹

To date, the Nova Scotia System Power Operator (NSPSO) has developed and provided both the Load Forecast and 10YSO reports to the Nova Scotia Energy Board (NSEB, Board), via Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NS Power). The creation of the Independent Energy System Operator of Nova Scotia (IESO, IESO Nova Scotia) has implications for the continued ownership of these filing requirements, which are described herein.

NS Power and IESO Nova Scotia have been in discussion on the preparation and filing of the Load Forecast and 10YSO reports in the near term, given their impending submissions on May 15th and June 30th of this year, respectively.

With respect to the Load Forecast report, IESO Nova Scotia understands that NS Power will develop and submit the Load Forecast report in 2026. NS Power requires a load forecast for its

¹ <https://www.nspower.ca/oasis/wholesale-market-documents>

own purposes and will provide the IESO with the load forecasting data it needs to carry out its system planning responsibilities. This approach avoids duplication of efforts and costs between the two organizations. NS Power and the IESO continue to discuss the best approach for the Load Forecast report in future years.

With respect to the 10YSO report, IESO Nova Scotia has assumed responsibility for the development and submission of the 10YSO report. System planning responsibilities, as well as relevant staff and expertise, have transferred to the IESO. NS Power will no longer develop and submit the 10YSO report, avoiding duplication of efforts and costs between the two organizations.

This update is provided for the Board's information. The IESO would be happy to address any questions or concerns from the NSEB should they arise.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of vertical strokes followed by a large, sweeping curve that extends upwards and to the right.

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IESO Nova Scotia