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Request IR-1:

(a) How will the results of the current Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) that is underway be reflected in, or incorporated into, future 10-Year System Outlook (10YSO) Reports?

(b) Where differences arise between the conclusions of the IRP and those presented in 10YSO Reports, which document will be considered the primary planning basis for resource procurement decisions and projects (e.g. conversion projects)? Which planning document will serve as the principal basis for demonstrating the need for, and the timing of, proposed investments?

Request IR-2:

Reference: 2026 10-Year System Outlook Report, 3.3.2 Load and Resources Overview, Table 4: IESO-NS 10-Year Load and Resource Outlook, page 18.

Table 4 identifies resources including fast-acting generation, firm imports from New Brunswick, and Battery Energy Storage Systems as necessary to meet firm capacity needs with the phase out of coal resources. Given that delays in the procurement of these resources could create capacity shortfalls that may not be fully mitigated by extending the operation of Lingan 2 and Trenton 5, please describe the IESO-NS' contingency plans and alternative measures should the procurement, development or in-service dates of these resources be delayed.

Request IR-3:

Please provide a list of all resource additions in the 10YSO that are being treated as fixed inputs in the current IRP and a list of all resource additions that will be evaluated through the current IRP process.

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Request IR-4:

Reference: 2026 10-Year System Outlook Report, Appendix A: RES Compliance Forecast, page 28.

Appendix A forecasts PH Biomass as 250 GWh in 2030, compared to 198 GWh in both 2028 and 2029. NS Power notes that average PH Biomass generation over the past three years was approximately 163 GWh (ranging from 143 GWh to 184 GWh, including generation from both biomass and natural gas), with biomass fuel eligible for RES compliance averaging 142 GWh over the same period (ranging from 124 GWh to 171 GWh). Please provide the assumptions underlying this increase, including expected fuel usage, generation levels, and associated costs.

Request IR-5:

Reference: 2026 10-Year System Outlook Report, 3.3.2 Load and Resources Overview, Table 4: IESO-NS 10-Year Load and Resource Outlook, page 18.

The 10YSO identifies the Point Tupper 2 coal to gas conversion project as planned to be in-service for the winter of 2028/2029. Please describe the environmental regulatory assumptions underlying this resource addition and identify what level of certainty regarding Federal and Provincial Environmental Regulation will be required by the IESO-NS to ensure this project can provide sufficient available capacity to support firm load requirements while meeting necessary environmental requirements and should proceed.

Request IR-6:

Reference: 2026 10-Year System Outlook Report, 3.2.2 Green Choice Program & Additional Energy Procurements, page 12.

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1 **In June 2025, two (2) wind farms entered into Power Purchase Agreements**
2 **(PPAs), totaling 262 MW – Eigg Mountain Wind Farm (150 MW) and Sugar**
3 **Maple Wind Farm (112 MW). These two projects are expected to be in service**
4 **by December 31, 2028. Following the results of this procurement, NS Power**
5 **highlighted the need for an additional 350 MW of new wind generation**
6 **capacity, capable of generating 1,000-1,200 GWh of renewable electricity**
7 **annually, to meet the 2030 80% renewable energy standards.**
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9 **The original Green Choice procurement Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on**
10 **December 1, 2023, seeking 650MW of renewable electricity capacity. As noted above, of the**
11 **650MW, a total of 262MW of wind capacity has been procured and have signed Power**
12 **Purchase Agreements (PPA's), which have a scheduled COD of December 31, 2028**
13 **(approximately 61 months between RFP issuance and in-service date). The second Green**
14 **Choice procurement RFP, to procure an additional 350MW as noted above, was issued on**
15 **September 10, 2026. The IESO-NS 10YSO assumes a commercial operation date for this**
16 **wind generation of December 31, 2029 (approximately 40 months between RFP issuance and**
17 **required in-service date). Given that the IESO-NS must comply with the renewable**
18 **electricity targets set out in the regulations under section 23 of the *Electricity Act*, what are**
19 **the IESO-NS' contingency plans if the COD of this wind extends beyond December 31, 2029?**