

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

and

**IN THE MATTER OF: Nova Scotia Independent Energy System Operator's
2026 10-Year System Outlook Report**

NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REQUESTS

To: Independent Energy System Operator
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Director, Regulatory Affairs

From: Port Hawkesbury Paper LP

Responses Due: October 9, 2026

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2 **IR-1**

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4 **Reference: Exhibit N-1, page 5: “NS Power and IESO continue to discuss the best**
5 **approach for the Load Forecast report in future years.”**

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7 **Reference: *More Access to Energy Act*, SNS 2024, c 2, Sch B, section 9: “The**
8 **objects of the IESO are to... (p) forecast electricity demand and the adequacy and**
9 **reliability of electricity resources for the Province for the short, medium and long**
10 **terms...”**

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12 Question:

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14 Please confirm whether, starting in 2027, the IESO will develop and assess its own
15 forecasts of electricity demand and the adequacy and reliability of electricity resources
16 for the Province, independent of NS Power. If not, please explain why not.
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4 **Reference: Exhibit N-1, Table 1: Forecast System Peak and Net System**
5 **Requirement, page 6.**
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7 **Reference: Exhibit N-1, Table 8: Large-Load SIS, page 23.**
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9 Question:
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11 Please explain the criteria used to determine how and when to include large-load requests
12 in the Forecast System Peak and Net System Requirements, and confirm which (if any)
13 of the large-load requests shown in Table 8 have been specifically incorporated into the
14 Forecast System Peak and Net System Requirements shown in Table 1. For any large-
15 load requests not included, please explain why.
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Reference: Exhibit N-1, section 3.2.4, Fast-Acting Generation, page 13. “IESO Nova Scotia has initiated a procurement process for 300 to 600 MW of fast-acting generation capacity for the province.”

Reference: Exhibit N-1, section 3.2.4, Fast-Acting Generation, page 13. “IESO Nova Scotia has included 450 MW of fast-acting generation in the 2026 10-Year Outlook Resource Plan.”

Reference: Fast-Acting Power Generation Request for Proposals ([Fast-Acting-Generation-Request-for-Proposals.pdf](#)), Section 2.1(d)(i)(A): “have a Maximum Contract Capacity of not less than 275 MW and not more than 300 MW and be comprised of multiple generating units such that no single equipment or contingency shall reduce the available net generating capacity by more than 150 MW;”

Question:

Please reconcile the RFP for projects sized between 275-300 MW and the decision to include 450 MW in the 10-Year Outlook Resource Plan.