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NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: **THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT**

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IN THE MATTER OF: **AN APPLICATION** by **NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED (NS Power)** for Approval of a 2025 ACE Plan Capital Item for Subsequent Approval - **CI C0082195 – LIN2 2025/26 Capacity Requirement**

INFORMATION REQUESTS

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Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

Request IR-1:

a) What is the current rated capacity (in MW) of the LIN2 generating unit?

b) Please provide an estimate of the power generation from this unit for 2026 to 2030.

c) Please extend the table requested by Board staff in IR-6 in Matter M12959 (Capacity Requirement 2024/25) for Q2 2025 to present, listing all the times (by quarter) the unit was recalled to service by the NSPSO to support firm customer load and how much energy was generated on each occasion.

d) Please explain why the energy currently supplied by the unit could not be substituted with either the battery energy storage system (BESS) or the 100 MW capacity resource associated with the recent definitive agreement between IESO-NS and New Brunswick Power Corporation?

e) Going forward, explain the impact on the need for LIN2 capacity requirement given that Wreck Cove Units 1 and 2 are now back in service as of Q2 2026 and the third 50 MW BESS (White Rock) is scheduled to be in service in August 2026 according to the NS Power website.

Request IR-2:

a) What is current On-Peak Reserve Margin for the year 2026-2027?

b) What is the expected On-Peak Reserve Margin for the year 2026-2027 based on NERC requirements?

c) If there is a gap between the NERC requirement and the utility's current on-peak reserve margin, please explain how the utility plans to address this gap?

d) Please provide a list of the resources that will be used to meet the reserve margin noted above.

Request IR-3:

The application noted that given the absence of near-term firm import options from the New Brunswick or Newfoundland interconnections, any replacement capacity must be located within Nova Scotia. In this context, sustaining Lingan Unit 2 in cold reserve is the most feasible and cost-effective option.

a) Please provide the anticipated firm imports for 2026/2027 from the New Brunswick and Newfoundland interconnections.

b) Please explain the absence of near-term firm import options from the New Brunswick and Newfoundland interconnections.

c) How much power could potentially be imported from these two interconnections in the absence of limitations, and at what cost?
d) When does the utility expect these limitations to be removed?

Request IR-4:

a) Please provide a copy of the engineering assessment recommending the proposed works that are critical to ensuring safe and reliable operation. If this assessment is not available, please explain how the component replacements were determined.
b) Please provide copies of the contracts and supporting materials quotes used to estimate the cost of the project referenced in the detailed cost estimate sheet.
c) Please also confirm whether all services were procured competitively.

Request IR-5:

a) Please provide a breakdown of the operating costs of $1,331,000 for 2025.
b) Are the operating costs of $1,331,000 included in the requested approval amount of $4,392,251 or an additional requested amount?
c) Are the operating costs of $1,331,000 intended to be capitalized, expensed, or included in the FAM balance?

Request IR-6:

The Board notes that NS Power spent close to $3 million on refurbishment projects over 2023 and 2024.

a) Please provide a list of all capital project investments for this unit over the past five years, including the detailed scope of work and associated costs.
b) Why was the proposed work in the project not identified earlier?

Request IR-7:

At the bottom of page 1 of 6 of the application, the summary of related CIs notes that future Capacity Requirement matters for LIN2 2026/27 and 2027/28 have TBD estimated amounts.

a) Why are these amounts unknown at this time?
b) What are these amounts contingent upon?
c) Please explain the factors that will be considered to determine these estimates.