

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: THE PUBLIC UTILITY ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF: AN APPLICATION by NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED
for approval of CI C0052654 – L5541 Water Crossing Upgrades -
\$2,265,295 (ATO)

INFORMATION REQUESTS

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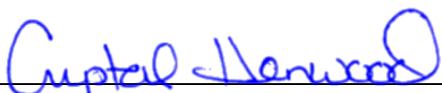
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Request IR-1:

In the application NS Power states that - "This project is deemed in-service when the first portion of the work is complete (forecast to be June 2026), therefore the Final Cost Date (October 2026) is listed as six months after the final work is forecast to be completed (April 2026)". Please confirm:

- a) The project start date;
- b) In service date; and
- c) Final cost date.

Request IR-2:

In the application NS Power states that - "The structures being worked on lie at two water crossings: Str.6-12 & Str. 20-21. Engineering initiated in 2021 and was completed in 2024; however, construction has yet to start".

- a) Please explain how any portion of this project could have been placed in service in June 2026 if construction had not commenced when the application was filed.
- b) Please confirm the number of structures being replaced, the wording "Str.6-12 & Str. 20-21" appears to include nine structures.

Request IR-3:

Does the implementation of a shared double-circuit crossing for L-6554 and L-5541 represent a scope change?

Request IR-4:

Please provide the recent inspection reports and the engineering assessments that support the structure replacements.

Request IR-5:

This project was originally scheduled to be completed by December 2023, why has the project been delayed?

Request IR-6:

The engineering was completed in 2024, but the ATO application was not filed until July 2026. Please explain why the ATO was not submitted when the revised cost and design information became available.

Request IR-7:

Please provide a line-by-line comparison of the costs outlined on page 4 of the application to the costs provided in the original ACE submission. Please provide detailed explanation of the cost variances.

Request IR-8:

- a) Please provide the project number for the Mersey Wind Interconnection project.
- b) Please provide a cost comparison showing:
 - a. The forecast cost of separate L-5541 and L-6554 crossings;
 - b. The total cost of the shared double-circuit crossings; and
 - c. The total savings resulting from the shared design.
- c) How will the project be impacted if the Mersey Wind project is delayed or incurs additional costs?
- d) Please explain how costs will be allocated to each project.

Request IR-9:

Please provide a detailed breakdown of the Steel Tower contractor costs of \$990,177 along with the supporting quotations/tender results.

Request IR-10:

In the application NS Power states that - "NS Power was able to implement a shared double-circuit crossing for L-6554 and L-5541 (structures 008–011) instead of constructing two separate single-circuit crossings with independent monopoles and foundations. Through this approach, costs were effectively shared between the two projects, resulting in \$646,833 for foundations (compared to \$1,293,667) and \$202,000 (compared to \$404,000) for steel towers being borne by NS Power, for a total of \$848,833".

- a) From the information provided on page 4 of the application please identify the costs that sum to \$646,833 for foundations.