

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
for approval of CI C0061550 – L5031 Replacements and Upgrades
– Hubbards to East Chester – \$6,957,058 (ATO)

INFORMATION REQUESTS (3rd set)

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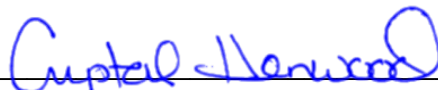
From: **Board Staff**
Nova Scotia Energy Board

Responses Due: **Thursday, October 1, 2026**

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Crystal Henwood, Clerk of the Board

Request IR-19:

Please describe the removal date of the mobile transformer used for the L-5031 project.

a) Please describe the status of the project at the time the mobile transformer was removed, including but not limited to:

i. The number of structures replaced; and

ii. The number of structures that remain.

b) Please describe in detail the progress of the project since the removal of the mobile transformer.

i. Please include project milestones and timelines.

Request IR-20:

With regards to the response to IR-13f), Board staff finds the response lacking the detail requested. As such, please describe the status of each of NS Power's three mobile transformers from January 2025 to the present, indicating whether the transformer remains as a standby unit or utilized for emergency response, and including the following for each unit:

a) The installation dates and removal dates;

b) The locations;

c) The reason for dispatching the unit;

d) The transformer number;

e) The transformer rating and voltage level; and

f) The number of customers affected by the emergency event.

Request IR-21:

Please describe how NS Power determines when to use a mobile transformer and the criteria or strategies used to prioritize locations when there is a shortage of available mobile transformers, as in the current case.

Request IR-22:

In response to IR-13f) (i), NS Power stated:

The project is currently scheduled for completion in December 2026. Approximately 6 to 8 weeks of construction work remain outstanding.

a) Please describe the status of the bypass structure installation.

i. If the structures have been built, please provide the start date and completion date.

1 ii. If the structures have not been built due to transmission line restrictions, please
2 explain whether a mobile transformer has been available for use now or since Q1
3 2025.

4 a. If yes, please explain why NS Power still requests the installation of bypass
5 structures.

6 b. If not, please explain why and whether other alternatives have been
7 considered for other emergency events.

8 b) Please explain why, in response to IR-5(d), NS Power quoted a mobile transformer rental
9 cost of \$540,000 based on a three-month rental period, when the remaining work is
10 expected to take approximately six to eight weeks to complete.

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12 **Request IR-23:**

13 Please explain why the project cannot be postponed until a mobile transformer is available.
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15 **Request IR-24:**

16 In response to IR-16, NS Power stated that a bypass structure at the L-5037 tap location is
17 required regardless of whether a mobile transformer is used and that a design was developed in
18 January 2025.

19 a) Please describe the function and connection of the bypass structure at the L-5037 tap
20 location if a mobile transformer is used for the project.

21 b) Please include technical diagrams or GIS maps, if necessary.

22 c) Please explain how NS Power serves customers at 85W if a mobile transformer is
23 available for the project.
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