

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: THE MORE ACCESS TO ENERGY ACT

and

**IN THE MATTER OF: An Application by the Independent Energy System
Operator of Nova Scotia made pursuant to Section 29
of the More Access to Energy Act for the review of its
Fee Recovery Mechanism**

INFORMATION REQUESTS

**To: The Independent Energy System Operator (“IESO”)
Mark Peachey
Director, Regulatory Affairs**

**From: The Berwick Electric Commission, the Riverport Electric Light
Commission, and the Towns of Mahone Bay and Antigonish (the
“MEUs”)**

Responses Due: September 22, 2026

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Reference: Application, page 3, lines 6-9: “The proposed mechanism would replace the temporary financial relief currently in place under the Board’s February 26, 2026, Interim Order in M12663, which approved interim fees payable by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated until the earlier of March 31, 2027, or the effective date of a Board-approved replacement fee recovery mechanism.”

Reference: Application, page 4, lines 6-11: “For the period covered by this application, Power Advisory’s fee calculation model calculates the remaining 2025/26 and 2026/27 revenue requirement to be recovered from December 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027, assuming approval of IESO Nova Scotia’s 2026/27 revenue requirement as applied for, continuation of interim payments from NSPI through November 2026, and full recovery by the end of IESO Nova Scotia’s 2026/27 fiscal year, as shown in Figure 1 below based on a revenue requirement application true-up option.”

Reference: Application, page 4, lines 14-17: “IESO Nova Scotia identified an additional true-up option which incorporates prior year revenue requirement variances sooner via a compliance filing. In this application, that option allows for IESO to apply the under-spend from fiscal year 2025/26 by compliance filing, resulting in revised charges to market participants as shown in Figure 2 below.”

Question:

- (a) Please provide the forecast monthly fees for each of the market participants on account of the IESO’s 2027/28 revenue requirement for April 1, 2027 to March 31, 2028 in a manner similar to Figure 1 in the Application, assuming approval of IESO’s 2027/28 revenue requirement at the same amount as the 2026/27 requirement applied for and no changes to any other assumptions.
- (b) Please update the calculation of the monthly fees shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2 of the Application, assuming approval of IESO Nova Scotia’s 2026/27 revenue requirement as applied for, but continuation of interim payments from NSPI through March 2027 and full recovery by the end of IESO Nova Scotia’s 2027/28 fiscal year.
- (c) Please confirm the carrying cost that the IESO is proposing to apply to the unrecovered amounts until they are fully collected from market participants.

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4 **Reference: Application, page 8, lines 4-8: “The result is a fee recovery mechanism that is based**
5 **broadly on the following: ... Calculated by allocating IESO Nova Scotia’s forecast revenue**
6 **requirement by the forecast annual proportionate load served by each LSE in Nova Scotia.”**
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8 **Reference: Application page 10, lines 20-22: “An ISO-only charge is defined as a charge that only**
9 **recovers the ISO Core Costs and no other system charges (e.g. transmission or energy balancing**
10 **costs).**
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12 Question:
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14 (a) Please confirm that the IESO’s proposed fee recovery mechanism incorporates load from market
15 participants that is served by MEU-owned hydro and solar garden generating resources.
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17 (b) Please explain the rationale for including load from market participants that is served by MEU-
18 owned hydro and solar garden generating resources as part of IESO’s proposed fee recovery
19 mechanism.

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4 **Reference: Application, page 33, lines 9-12: “A load allocation adjustment will be made each year**
5 **based on each LSE’s fiscal year load served actuals. This will require LSEs to provide their actual**
6 **load served data to IESO Nova Scotia within 60 days of the end of each fiscal year to complete this**
7 **adjustment.”**

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9 **Reference: Application, page 36, lines 8-10: “The IESO is amenable to using the most recent actual**
10 **loads in place of forecast loads for the MEUs to reduce the administrative burden for the MEUs**
11 **going forward.”**

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13 Questions:

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15 Please confirm that going forward, the only information that will be required from the MEUs to IESO Nova
16 Scotia as part of its proposed fee recovery mechanism will be the provision of actual annual load served
17 data by May 31. If not so confirmed, please indicate what additional information will be requested and when.
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4 **Reference: Application, page 14, Figure 4.**

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6 **Reference: Application, page 47, lines 13-18: “While outside the purview of this application, this fee**
7 **recovery mechanism provides freedom to the LSEs on how they collect corresponding costs from**
8 **their ratepayers, as it does not prescribe nor is determinative of how LSEs allocate those costs.**
9 **IESO Nova Scotia – in the interest of all ratepayers – encourages the NSEB and the LSEs to facilitate**
10 **recovery of fees paid by LSEs, under the Proposed Mechanism, from ratepayers in an expedient**
11 **and fair manner consistent with applicable regulatory processes.”**

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13 Questions:

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15 Please confirm it is IESO Nova Scotia’s understanding that, under its proposed fee recovery mechanism,
16 LSEs would not be collecting any IESO revenue requirement costs from other LSEs (in other words, the
17 MEUs will not be subject to the collection of any of the IESO revenue requirement costs allocated to NS
18 Power under the mechanism).