

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF: AN APPEAL by NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED DRO
Appeal - Transformer Safety Issues -S L Doward

INFORMATION REQUESTS

To: **Nova Scotia Power Incorporated**
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From: Board Staff
Nova Scotia Energy Board

Responses Due: **Monday, October 5, 2026**

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Lisa Wallace, Chief Clerk of the Board

Request IR-1:

In its letter responding to the Board's correspondence about the complaint, NS Power noted the following on page 5:

Other options to supply the necessary power were considered and rejected at the planning stage, partly because they would increase congestion at the Oxford / Norwood intersection and would require additional poles on Norwood and possibly Oxford.

a) Please provide an up-to-date copy of the distribution planning study, including all scenarios evaluated to supply the increased load, along with the final recommendation.

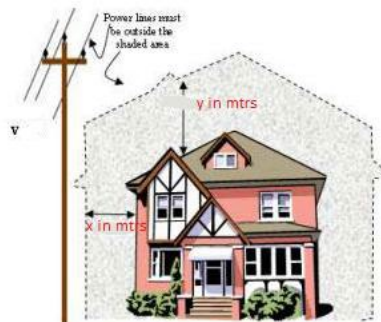
b) Please highlight all alternative routing options that were considered to serve this new load in KVA within the report.

Request IR-2:

In its letter responding to the Board's correspondence about the complaint, NS Power noted the following on page 5:

The existing tree(s) and the location stakes are in the HRM right-of-way over the property, and HRM is required to approve any work done on its right-of-way. NS Power included HRM pole permits as part of the construction work order accompanying the renovation order. If HRM approves the permits, then NS Power will be able to place the new poles in the HRM right-of-way to satisfy the electrical requirements for the customer requesting the upgrade.

Board staff understand that two stakes have been positioned where the proposed stub pole and the buried anchor for the overhead guy wire will be installed in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) right-of-way. However, Board staff also understand that, depending on the voltage of the power line, regulations provide x and y value in meters, and the power lines must be outside the shaded region as shown in the image below:



a) Does NS Power concur with Board staff's understanding as expressed in the above preamble?

i. If yes:

A. Please provide the values of x and y, along with the standards used as reference.

1 B. Please provide the measurements of x and y for the residence, assuming
2 that the wall of the house is considered part of the building's
3 protuberances.

4 ii. If not:

5 A. Please provide the values of x and y, along with the standards used as
6 reference.

7 B. Please provide an envelope drawing that includes the building in relation
8 to the proposed installed pole, illustrating how the x and y measurements
9 will be taken.

10 C. Please provide the measurements of x and y for the residence, assuming
11 that the wall of the house is considered part of the building's
12 protuberances.

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14 **Request IR-3:**

15 In its letter responding to the Board's correspondence about the complaint, NS Power noted the
16 following on page 6:

17 With respect to the crosswalk lights and streetlights on Oxford Street, that infrastructure is
18 owned and operated by HRM, and NS Power has no input into the placement or intensity
19 of the lights. Any concerns about the lighting should be addressed by HRM.

20 a) Is there any streetlight installed on the electrical pole owned by the NS Power near the
21 complainant's property?

22 i. If yes, did NS Power install the streetlight mentioned above?

23 ii. If yes, please provide the mounting height and luminance level of the streetlight.

24 b) What agreement exists between HRM and NS Power regarding the installation of
25 streetlights on the utility's poles?

26 c) Please explain and provide a copy of the standard that NS Power currently follows for the
27 installation of streetlights on its poles, including how these installations meet all applicable
28 requirements related to mounting height and luminance levels under the relevant CSA
29 standards and applicable Utility Standards.