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Ms. Crystal Henwood
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk
Nova Scotia Energy Board
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Re: IESO Nova Scotia - Q1 2026/2027 - Quarterly Report

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Please find attached IESO Nova Scotia's quarterly report for key progress updates occurring in Q1 2026/2027. This report can also be found on IESO Nova Scotia's website at the following link: <https://www.ieso-ns.ca/news/>. IESO Nova Scotia has amended the structure from the first report submitted on May 15, 2026, with the intent of accommodating a broader range of interested stakeholders. IESO Nova Scotia intends to continue to enhance and refine its quarterly reports over time while maintaining compliance with NSEB direction.

This report is being submitted in response to the direction of the Nova Scotia Energy Board ("NSEB", "Board") to file quarterly reports, arising from the Independent Energy System Operator of Nova Scotia's ("IESO Nova Scotia") 2025/2026 Revenue Requirement Application (M12412), submitted pursuant to section 29 of the *More Access to Energy Act* (MAEA).

IESO Nova Scotia recognizes the value of transparency during the ongoing transition of system operator functions, to situate the Board's statutory enumerated role within the context of many other important matters involving IESO Nova Scotia. Certain information included in this report extends beyond matters directly related to a NSEB proceeding, but is provided to assist the Board and interested stakeholders in understanding the status of the transition and related initiatives.

As reflected in the report, IESO Nova Scotia has been rapidly developing its operational, regulatory, and organizational capabilities to deliver the value and intended role(s) as expressly contemplated in the MAEA. The Phase 1 Transition has been completed, and IESO Nova Scotia is actively undertaking its related accountabilities. IESO Nova Scotia has continued to advance initiatives while aiming to be responsive to ongoing and active regulatory proceedings and reporting requirements, including the recently concluded oral hearing pertaining to its \$14.85M 2026/2027 Revenue Requirement application.

Despite being in operation for only a very short period, IESO Nova Scotia has made substantial and measurable progress across a wide range of foundational, operational, and regulatory

priorities. In this limited timeframe, IESO Nova Scotia has established core governance, advanced critical system planning and procurement initiatives, assumed key functions from NS Power, engaged extensively with stakeholders and the Board, completed its 2026/2027 Revenue Requirement Board proceeding, and submitted its Fee Recovery Mechanism application, while it continues carry out its mandate under the MAEA and plan for Phase 2 transition of corresponding responsibilities. This volume and pace of work underscore both the scale of the mandate under the MAEA and IESO Nova Scotia's commitment to delivering meaningful value for Nova Scotians in a timely, transparent, and effective manner.

IESO Nova Scotia anticipates a number of filings and regulatory interactions for the remainder of fiscal year 2026/2027 pursuant to the MAEA, including:

1. Filing the results of the Integrated Resource Planning exercise, pursuant to subsection 11(3) of the MAEA;
2. Submitting IESO Nova Scotia's Annual Report to the Energy Board as set out under section 32 of the MAEA;
3. Submitting IESO Nova Scotia's 2027/2028 Revenue Requirement, Proposed Expenditures, and Fees application for approval pursuant to subsection 29(1) and (4) of the MAEA;
4. Submitting proposed expenses, pursuant to subsection 29(1) and (4) of the MAEA, in relation to the Phase II transition of real-time energy dispatch and transmission grid operations from NS Power to IESO Nova Scotia; and
5. Submitting its revised SGIP and any associated interconnection documentation.

IESO Nova Scotia looks forward to continued NSEB and stakeholder interactions related to these matters and more.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Peachey', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending from the end.

Mark Peachey
Director, Regulatory Affairs
IESO Nova Scotia