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Dear Mr. Peachey:

M13048 - Nova Scotia Independent Energy System Operator (IESO Nova Scotia) - Q1 2026/2027 Quarterly Report

On August 21, 2026, the Nova Scotia Independent Energy System Operator (IESO Nova Scotia) provided the Nova Scotia Energy Board with its Q1 2026/2027 Quarterly Report. The Quarterly Report was provided in response to Board directives under IESO Nova Scotia's 2025–2026 Revenue Requirement Application (Matter M12412) submitted under s. 29 of the *More Access to Energy Act*.

The panel assigned to this matter is Stephen T. McGrath, K.C, Chair; Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair and Jennifer L. Nicholson, CPA, CA, ICD.D., Member.

The report outlined IESO Nova Scotia's priorities for fiscal year 2026/2027, provided a Phase-2 Transition status update, summarized activities for the ongoing inaugural Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process, and noted that IRP work remains on track to deliver early modeling insights in Q2 2026/2027, with final results and publication of the IRP report expected in Q3 2026/2027.

In its earlier Quarterly Report (M12859), IESO Nova Scotia reported that on April 15, 2026, it entered into a definitive agreement with NB Power to procure approximately 100 MW of capacity from New Brunswick Power's (NB Power) Renewable Integration and Grid Services (RIGS) project. The current report further noted that on May 28, 2026, the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board approved the RIGS project, including the expansion capacity associated with IESO Nova Scotia's agreement with NB Power. In addition, the report outlined progress in the procurement of more than 300 MW of fast-acting generation and stated that IESO Nova Scotia plans to initiate a procurement for additional capacity additions and/or energy storage in the second half of 2026/2027, as defined by the IRP and consistent with the Clean Power Plan.

The report noted that IESO Nova Scotia has assumed responsibility for key activities under the Standard Generation Interconnection Procedures (SGIP), including processing interconnection requests and conducting system studies. It also highlighted that amendments to the SGIP continue to be drafted in response to Concentric's Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 2023 report, and that stakeholder engagement related to these recommendations is expected to begin in Q2 2026/2027.

The report also outlined key activities related to the Fee Recovery Mechanism and related to regulatory compliance.

Finally, it noted that there were no new or unexpected costs, nor any material changes to costs, in Q1 2026/2027.

The Board accepts IESO Nova Scotia's Q1 2026/2027 Quarterly Report as filed. However, the Board finds that, although the report outlined key activities under the Phase 2 Transition status update, it did not address the transfer of Control Centre operations from NS Power to IESO Nova Scotia, nor did it identify how many critical tasks remain outstanding to achieve the roles and responsibilities under Phase 2 as stipulated in the *More Access to Energy Act*. To ensure visibility for interested parties and the Board, IESO Nova Scotia is directed to include in future reports a Gantt chart, or similar detailed timeline, outlining all critical tasks, associated timelines and progress, and key risks related to completing the transfer of roles and responsibilities under the *Act*, or, at a minimum to indicate when more detailed information on the transfer will be available.

Yours very truly,

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