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Dear Ms. Ross:

M13052 - Nova Scotia Power Inc. Emergency Services Restoration Plan 2026 Drill Report

To evaluate its preparedness to coordinate and execute restoration activities for a major outage event, Nova Scotia Power Inc. conducts an annual emergency operations drill. NS Power must file its annual drill report and amendments to its Emergency Services Restoration Plan (ESRP) with the Nova Scotia Energy Board by August 31st. NS Power filed its 2026 ESRP Drill Report on August 25, 2026.

The Board has reviewed the report, including the Drill Action Items and Summary of Recommended Changes to its ESRP. There were eleven proposed revisions to the ESRP, consisting of minor updates and two name/title changes, which were filed as ESRP Rev 5.3. The Board Members considering this matter are Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair; Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member; and Darlene Willcott, LL.B., Member.

NS Power reported that it activated its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) on five occasions following the filing of its 2025 Drill Report on August 28, 2025. Figure 1 of the report provides a summary of the activities undertaken by the Early Monitoring Team during this period. A total of twelve events were recorded, six of which were attributable to snow conditions. In addition, Storm Reports were filed for four events, comprising two EOC activation events and two non-activation events.

This year's drill was held in May. The drill was based on a hypothetical spring wildfire scenario caused by low rainfall and warm temperatures. Based on the feedback following the drill, NS Power will review and update its wildfire mitigation plan to add additional best practices.

The Drill resulted in three action items, listed in Figure 3 - 2026 ESRP Drill Action Items. Two of these action items are labeled "in progress". Action Item 3 is labelled as "Reassigned", and the table notes that it was delegated to another team and will not be tracked through the ESRP.

Figure 2 - 2024 & 2025 ESRP Drill Action Items, updated the status of action items from the 2023 and 2025 drills. NS Power reported that three of the four outstanding action items identified in the 2025 ESRP Drill Report have been completed, while the STORM300 document update remains in progress. In its decision on the 2025 ESRP Drill Report, the Board directed NS Power to provide an update on the outstanding 2023 Action Item concerning crew tracking technology. In the 2025 ESRP Drill Report, NS Power indicated that it intended to issue an RFP for this initiative in the fourth quarter of 2025. In the current Report, NS Power states that this item was included as an item for subsequent submittal in the 2026 Annual Capital Expenditure Plan. To date, NS Power has not filed an application with the Board seeking approval for the implementation of such a tool.

The Board accepts the ESRP 2026 Drill Report as filed. NS Power is directed to provide the Board with an update on its progress completing the outstanding 2023 Action Item and 2026 Action Items that are in progress in its 2027 ESRP Drill Report.

NS Power recommended numerous updates to its ESRP; however, the content of the document is fundamentally the same as version 5.2. The Board accepts Revision 5.3 of the ESRP as filed.

Yours very truly,



Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board

c. William Mahody, K.C.