Nova Scotia Energy Board

IN THE MATTER OF *THE MORE ACCESS TO ENERGY ACT*

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by the **NOVA SCOTIA INDEPENDENT ENERGY SYSTEM OPERATOR** for approval of its proposed expenditure and revenue requirement and recovery of its fees for the 2027/2028 fiscal year

PRELIMINARY ISSUES LIST

The following issues will be dealt with in the public hearing about the application by the Nova Scotia Independent Energy System Operator (IESO Nova Scotia) for approval of its proposed expenditure and revenue requirement and recovery of its fees for the 2027/2028 fiscal year (Matter M13173), which is set to begin **Monday, February 22, 2027**:

1) Whether the proposed capital costs for the Phase 2 Control Centre require Board approval under s. 35 of the *Public Utilities Act?*

2) Whether the Board has the authority to approve proposed capital expenditures under s. 29 of the *More Access to Energy Act*? If so, when must an application be made?

3) Capital costs (capital work in progress) for 2026/2027, 2027/2028, 2028/2029 and 2029/2030 for the proposed Phase 2 Control Centre in the amount of $48.99 million;

4) The proposed “capitalized interest” for the proposed Phase 2 Control Centre;

5) A revenue requirement for the 2027-2028 fiscal year reflecting both its ongoing Operating, Maintenance and Administration (OM&A) costs ($14.76 million) and amortization costs ($0.43 million) for a total of $15.19 million;

6) A positive overall variance of $343,000 in the Net Revenue Requirement Deferral and Variance Mechanism for the 2025/2026 fiscal year;

7) Proposed accounting policies, financial controls and guidelines for the Net Revenue Requirement Deferral and Variance Mechanism;

8) The proposed amortization or depreciation methodology and expenses under the accounting policies;

9) Fees to be collected under the proposed fee recovery mechanism which is being considered by the Board in Matter M13007, including all eligible revenue requirements, the variance from the 2025/2026 revenue requirement, and true-up amounts to reconcile forecast and actual revenue requirements and annual adjustments to reflect actual load allocation among load-serving entities; and

10) Transfer of operations and related costs from NS Power to IESO Nova Scotia.