NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF a review of **NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED's** 2024 Annual Performance Standards Report

BEFORE:

Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member

HEARING ORDER

On March 31, 2025, NS Power filed its 2024 Annual Performance Standards Report. Under s. 52D(4) of the *Public Utilities Act*, following the receipt of this report, the Board may order NS Power to pay an administrative penalty or to develop and file a plan for bringing itself into compliance with a performance standard, or both, if the Board determines that NS Power has failed to achieve any performance standard established pursuant to Section 52A.

The Board has determined that this proceeding will be conducted by way of a paper hearing.

The following timetable will apply to this proceeding:

| Notices of Intervention | Wednesday, April 23, 2025 |
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| Information Requests (IRs) to NS Power | Wednesday, April 30, 2025 |
| Responses to IRs from NS Power | Thursday, May 22, 2025 |
| Deadline for Intervenors to seek leave to file Evidence | Thursday, May 29, 2025 |

The balance of the schedule assumes that leave to file intervenor evidence has not been granted. If leave to file evidence is granted, the schedule for this proceeding will need to be adjusted to account for filings associated with that evidence and the potential that the matter may be converted to an oral hearing.

Written Closing Arguments (All parties) Thursday, June 5, 2025

Written Reply Argument (All parties)

Thursday, June 12, 2025

The *Board's Regulatory Rules* will apply to this application, including Rule 7(3) with respect to filing by 2:00 pm on any date a document is due.

The Clerk of the Board will provide a copy of the Hearing Order to Interested Parties with respect to the electricity mandate, post it to the Board's social media and publish it on the Board's website.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 10th day of April 2025.

<u>Crystal Henwood</u> Clerk of the Board