

**NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD AND
NOVA SCOTIA REGULATORY AND APPEALS BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF a review of the 2025 Annual Reports of the **NOVA SCOTIA CONSUMER ADVOCATE** and the **SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

BEFORE:



Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair

Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair

Julia E. Clark, LL.B., Vice Chair

HEARING ORDER

Section 94 of the *Public Utilities Act* requires annual reports of the advocates to be filed with the Board covering the activities of the advocates during the preceding calendar year. On March 31, 2026, the Consumer Advocate and Small Business Advocate filed their 2025 Annual Reports with the Board.

The Board has determined that this proceeding will be conducted by way of a paper hearing. Both Matters M12776 and M12790 will be considered together and all submissions will only be filed in M12776.

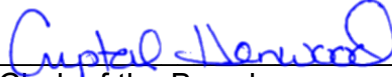
The following timetable will apply to this matter:

Notices of Intervention	Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Submissions from Intervenors	Tuesday, May 5, 2026
Consumer Advocate and Small Business Advocate Reply to Intervenor Comments	Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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 the list of those interested in the electricity/natural gas/water mandates, post it to the Board's social media and publish it on the Board's website.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 7th day of April 2026.


Clerk of the Board