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Nova Scotia Energy Board
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Re: Q3 2026 Maritime Link Benefits Report

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Please find enclosed the Q3 2026 Maritime Link Benefits Report submitted by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated (NS Power, Company).

In the matter of NSP Maritime Link Incorporated (NSPML) respecting the disposition of the holdback for 2022 and 2023 Decision (Holdback Decision) released on October 4, 2023 (M11009) the Nova Scotia Energy Board (NSEB), formerly the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) (collectively, the Board) directed as follows:

> In any month that NSPML/NS Power receives 90% or more of the NS Block (measured in MWh), NSPML will be entitled to a full release of the holdback for that month (after NS Power's next FAM Quarterly Report). Each FAM Quarterly Report must contain tables showing the calculations in the same format and using the same methodology as in the compliance filing for each of the three months in that quarter.
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> This holdback mechanism will continue each month until it is terminated pursuant to the conditions described later in this decision. All prior reporting requirements for NSPML and NS Power relating to the NS Block

> continue to apply, as directed by the Board in para. 232, items 1 and 2, of its Final Project Costs decision. [1]

On October 21, 2026, the Board issued its Decision respecting NSPML's application to end the holdback mechanism in accordance with the parameters established by the NSEB in the matter respecting the review and disposition of the holdback for 2022 and 2023 (M11009). In the Decision, the Board determined that NSPML has satisfied the conditions necessary to terminate the holdback mechanism as of May 1, 2024, and ordered that all holdback amounts retained after May 1, 2024, be distributed to NSPML.[2]

The Decision also directs NSPML to "continue its reporting as part of NS Power's existing Fuel Adjustment Mechanism reports" and sets out the following requirements for continued reporting:

> The Board recognizes that for various reasons, the amount of energy delivered from Muskrat Falls in any given month may differ from the amount that was contracted to be delivered. The Board directs NSPML to continue reporting on those energy deliveries. More specifically, the reporting is to list the amount of energy contracted to be delivered, the amount of energy actually delivered, the amount of energy shortfall, the amount of make-up energy received, and the amount of surplus market-priced energy or energy delivered under bilateral agreements. Explanations for all variances from the monthly contracted amounts are also to be provided. This additional reporting is to be included as part of NS Power's existing Fuel Adjustment Mechanism reports. [3]

In the matter of NSPML's application for final approval of the Maritime Link project costs and approval of the 2022 cost assessment (M10206), Vincent Musco of Bates White was asked, through Undertaking U-23, to provide his views on appropriate future reporting requirements. In response, he stated that it "would also appear reasonable to transition further reporting away from the stand-alone, quarterly Maritime Link Benefits report to the quarterly FAM reports" once "parties have confidence in the full and sustained delivery of the NS Block." He further noted that a transition period of "six to twelve months seems reasonable."[4] After that period, he said it "would also appear reasonable to

[1] M11009, 91457, NSUARB Decision, NSPML Process to review disposition of the holdback for 2022 and 2023, October 4, 2023, page 35.
[2] M12696, 104025, NSEB Decision, NSPML Application to end the holdback mechanism, October 21, 2026, pages 4-5.
[3] M12696, 104025, NSEB Decision, NSPML Application to end the holdback mechanism, Decision, October 21, 2026, pages 36.
[4] M10206, Exhibit N-42, Bates White Response to Undertaking 23, Application for final approval of the Maritime Link Project costs and approval of the 2022 Cost Assessment, December 20, 2021.

transition further reporting away from the stand-alone, quarterly Maritime Link Benefits report to the quarterly FAM reports."

In its Decision released on February 9, 2022, the Board found that NSPML and NS Power needed to continue quarterly reporting "until otherwise directed", noting that "any transition away from the stand-alone reports to some form of FAM reporting will be addressed at the appropriate time."[5]

NS Power submits that the conditions contemplated by Mr. Musco and the Board for a transition to FAM reporting have now been met and respectfully requests the Board's approval for this filing to serve as the final stand-alone quarterly Maritime Link Benefits Report, with Maritime Link reporting transitioning to NS Power's quarterly FAM reports effective Q4 2026.

If approved by the Board, beginning with the Q4 2026 FAM Report, NS Power will include the following information regarding energy delivered from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro in Tab Q16:

- Monthly amount of energy contracted to be delivered;
- Monthly amount of energy actually delivered;
- Monthly amount of energy shortfall;
- Monthly amount of make-up energy received; and
- Monthly amount of surplus market-priced energy or energy delivered under bilateral agreements.

Moreover, explanations for material variances from the monthly contracted amounts will also be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours truly,

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[5] M10206, 85480, NSUARB Decision, NSPML Application for final approval of the Maritime Link Project costs and approval of the 2022 Cost Assessment, February 9, 2022, page 89.

Nova Scotia Energy Board

IN THE MATTER OF *The Public Utilities Act,* R.S.N.S. 1989, c.380, as amended

2026 Maritime Link Benefits Report

Q3

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November 24, 2026

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In its Decision dated February 9, 2022 with respect to NSP Maritime Link's (NSPML) application for final approval of the Maritime Link project costs and the 2022 cost assessment, the Nova Scotia Energy Board (NSEB, Board) provided the following direction with respect to Nova Scotia Power Incorporated's (NS Power, Company) filing of Maritime Link Benefits Reports (Report) as follows:

> Therefore, the Board finds that NSPML and NS Power need to continue filing quarterly reports until otherwise directed by the Board. Any transition away from the stand-alone reports to some form of FAM reporting will be addressed at the appropriate time.[1]

The NSEB provided the following further direction to NS Power and NSPML with respect to the contents of those Reports:

1. Maintain current quarterly Maritime Link reports, supplemented with the enhancements identified in the Bates White Undertaking U-23 response regarding the interim period. Those reports are also to include summaries focused on the quantities and values of makeup energy and capacity, with details being better addressed during a FAM audit process. In addition, the reports are to include financial data comparing capital and operating expenditures against budgeted amounts, reports on the status of MFGS and LIL commissioning, outstanding contractual, warranty and insurance claims, final close out punch list matters, outstanding expropriations, and outstanding operating agreements yet to be finalized.
2. Maintain current quarterly Maritime Link Benefits reports which also identify costs associated with replacement cost of undelivered energy and costs associated with extended operation of Lingan 2 and any other thermal resource that was intended to be displaced by Muskrat Falls deliveries.
3. File the annual Independent Engineer O&M Report.
4. File the annual marine survey report.
5. File the Long-Term Asset Management Plan (LTAMP) once completed.

[1] M10206, NSP Maritime Link Application for final approval of the Maritime Link Project Costs and approval of the 2022 Cost Assessment, Decision, February 9, 2022, pages 88-89 of 94.

6. Report on any forced outages experienced on the assets extending from MFGS to Woodbine.
7. Report on wheel-through energy between Newfoundland and New Brunswick, along with the associated OATT revenues.[2]

In accordance with the Board's direction, this report covers the benefits received for the period from July 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

NS Power confirms that from July 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026 inclusive, 467,646 MWh of energy was supplied to NS Power over the Maritime Link. NS Power has determined that the Company achieved a total of $[redacted] in quantified benefits for customers in Q3 2026 associated with the Maritime Link. The specific details with respect to the quantifiable benefits achieved are provided in Confidential Appendix A.

[2] M10206, NSP Maritime Link Application for final approval of the Maritime Link Project Costs and approval of the 2022 Cost Assessment, Decision, February 9, 2022, page 89 of 94.

2.0 Q3, 2026 MARITIME LINK BENEFITS

For the period from July 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026 inclusive, NS Power received a total of 467,646 MWh of energy from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (NLH).

2.1 Additional Commentary

From NLH, NS Power transacted 185,291 MWh of energy in July, 184,382 MWh of energy in August, and 97,973 MWh of energy in September.

NS Power received emergency energy of 381 MW in August. No emergency energy was received for July or September.

Sales of wheel-through transmission between Bottom Brook, Newfoundland and the New Brunswick-Nova Scotia Interface were $[redacted] in July, $[redacted] in August and [redacted] in September.

The amount of energy delivered over the Maritime Link in the Report period, broken out by Base Block energy, Supplemental energy, Make Up energy, and Additional energy, is provided in Partially Confidential Appendix B.

A detailed accounting of all 2026 outstanding energy is provided in Partially Confidential Appendix C. In the Appendix, Make Up Energy received in the quarter is netted from Undelivered Energy to provide a better reflection of any outstanding energy and is more indicative of the regular operation of the Maritime Link.

As reported in NS Power's 2025 10-Year System Outlook [3] effective August 15, 2022, Lingan Unit 2 was laid up and not made available for economic dispatch. The unit was placed into cold

[3] M12386 - 2025 10-Year System Outlook Report, Section 3.2.2.

reserve and available to be recalled on two weeks' notice. NS Power has identified a need for additional firm capacity due to an increase in forecast firm peak energy. Lingan 2 will therefore continue to be held in cold reserve for several years to maintain planning reserve margin. In reviewing the prior quarterly Maritime Link Benefits Reports, NS Power identified a discrepancy related to the operating expenses and capital invested reported for Lingan 2 in the Q2 report. The table below provides the corrected Q2 2026 amounts and the Q3 2026 amounts:

Quarter	Estimated LIN2 Operating Costs	Estimated LIN2 Capital Costs
Q2 2026	$26,737	$1,119,738
Q3 2026	$92,826	$2,102,894

Appendix A

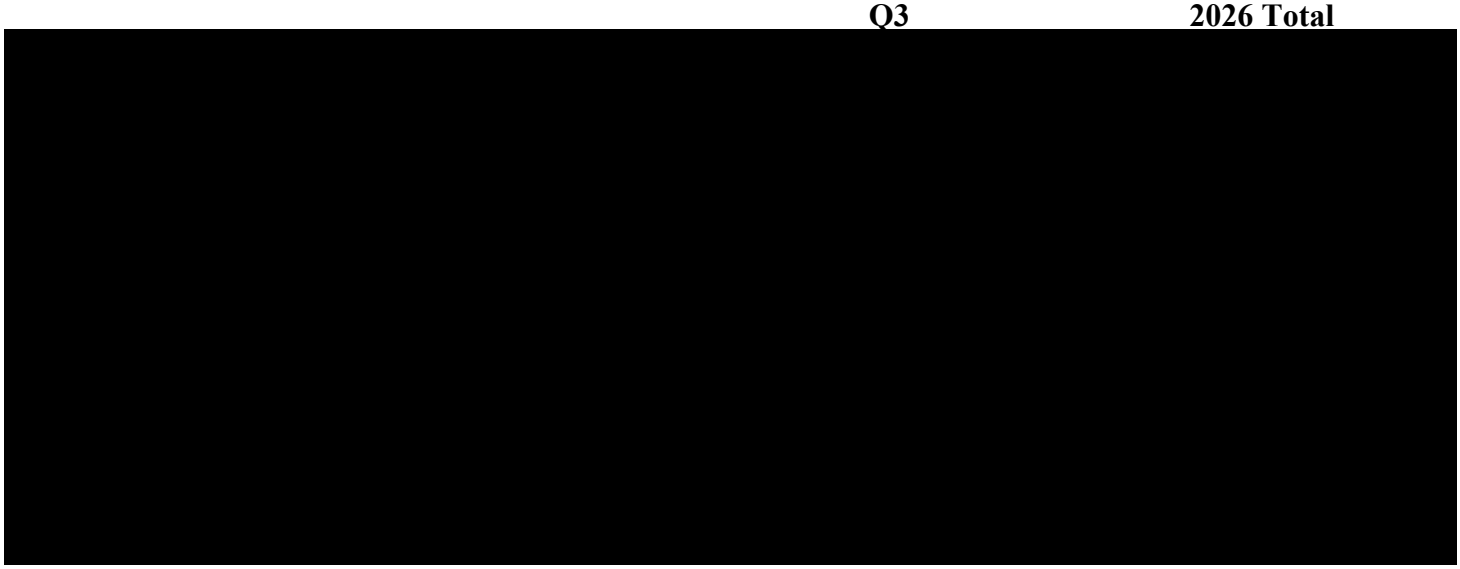
2026 Benefits to End of Q3

Figure 1 – 2026 Q3 & Total 2026 Benefits

	Q3	2026 Total
[redacted]		

[4] Includes bi-lateral and surplus energy. Emergency energy is not assigned a benefit value and is not included here. However, emergency MWhs are included in Figure 5 – Additional Energy.
[5] Includes the correction to May and June after the fact, when NLH used more real-time data than had been requested by the NSTUA.
[6] Gross Benefit prior to Maritime Link Assessment costs which are recovered from customers through the FAM.

Figure 2 – 2026 Q3 & Total 2026 Benefits



[7] Includes bilateral energy.
[8] Includes surplus energy. Note, emergency energy is not assigned a benefit value and is not included here. However, emergency energy MWh are included in Figure 5 - Additional Energy.
[9] Includes the correction to May and June after the fact, when NLH used more real-time data than had been requested by the NSTUA.

Appendix B

2026 Q3 Energy Delivered

Figure 3 – 2026 Q3 Base Block Energy

Base Block Energy	Jul	Aug	Sep[10]	Total
2013 Application Commitment	83,742	83,742	81,041	248,526
Delivered MWH (up to Hourly Commitment)	75,801	81,777	43,826	201,405
Make Up MWH (above Hourly Commitment)	9,177	3	4,419	13,598
Total Delivered MWH*	84,978	81,780	48,245	215,003
Make Up Delivered $	[redacted]			

*Excludes losses

Figure 4 – 2026 Q3 Supplemental Block Energy

Supplemental Energy	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
2013 Application Commitment	0	0	0	0
Delivered MWH (up to Hourly Commitment)	0	0	0	0
Make Up MWH (above Hourly Commitment)	0	0	0	0
Total Delivered MWH	0	0	0	0
Make Up Delivered $	[redacted]			

Figure 5 – 2026 Q3 Additional Energy[11]

Additional Energy	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
MWh of Additional Energy	100,313	102,602	49,728	252,643

[10] In September both Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and NSPML coordinated their annual maintenance outages which resulted in the temporary shortfall compared to the Application Commitment. All undelivered energy in September was delivered in October as Make-up Energy.
[11] Includes bi-lateral, surplus, and emergency energy.

Appendix C

2026 Undelivered Energy and Replacement Cost

Figure 6 - 2026 Q3 Undelivered Energy and Replacement Costs (Including Cost of Make Up Energy)

	Q3 2026	
	MWh	$ CAD
Opening Balance undelivered Base Block	3,293	[redacted]
Undelivered Base Block during the quarter	40,936	
Make up Base Block received during the quarter	13,598	
Total Undelivered Base Block at the end of the quarter inclusive of any over or under delivery from previous quarter	**30,631**	
Opening Balance undelivered Supplemental Block	278	
Undelivered Supplemental Block during the quarter	-	
Make up Supplemental Block received during the quarter	-	
Total Undelivered Supplemental Block at the end of the quarter	**278**	
Total undelivered Base Block + undelivered Supplemental Block at the end of the quarter inclusive any over or under delivery from previous quarter	**30,908**	