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Crystal Henwood
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Nova Scotia Energy Board
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Re: Q1 2026 Maritime Link Benefits Report

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Please find enclosed the Q1 2026 Maritime Link Benefits Report submitted by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated (NS Power, Company).

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

3) 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.

Tables 1 and 2 below include data and calculations in the format as directed in the Holdback Decision.

Table 1 - NS Block Delivery Volumes

Month	Contracted Base Block (MWh)	Base Block Delivered (MWh)	Contracted Supplemental Energy (MWh)	Supplemental Energy Delivered (MWh)	% Base NS Block + Supplemental Energy Delivered	Make-Up Base Block Delivered (MWh)	Make-Up Supplementary Block Delivered (MWh)	Total Delivered (MWh)	% NS Block + Supplemental Delivered including Make-Up (MWh)*
Jan	83,742	80,293	49,272	47,480	96.1%	3,474	1,022	132,269	99.4%
Feb	75,638	73,119	44,503	44,484	97.9%	192	722	118,516	98.6%
Mar	81,325**	79,596	49,073	48,675	98.4%	2,201	80	130,552	100.1%

* Including transacted market priced based energy, NS Power received 138 percent, 164 percent, and 130 percent of total contracted block volumes for January through March, respectively.

** Inclusive of losses.

Table 2 - Actual Replacement Energy Costs

Month	Cost of Replacement Energy to 100% (\$)	Value of Make-up Energy (\$)	Actual Replacement Cost to 100% (\$)
January			\$199,909.74
February			\$ 129,766.83
March			\$ (96,502.47)

In each of January, February and March NS Block volumes met the 90 percent threshold, so the full holdback for each of these months will be released, namely \$4 million for each month. The make-up energy balance increased from 138 MWh over-delivery balance at the start of the quarter to 2,077 MWh owed at the end of the quarter.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



Jessie Wallace
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Nova Scotia Energy Board

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

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1 **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

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

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9 Therefore, the Board finds that NSPML and NS Power need to continue filing
10 quarterly reports until otherwise directed by the Board. Any transition away from
11 the stand-alone reports to some form of FAM reporting will be addressed at the
12 appropriate time.¹
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14 The NSEB provided the following further direction to NS Power and NSPML with respect to the
15 contents of those Reports:

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- 17 1. Maintain current quarterly Maritime Link reports, supplemented with the
18 enhancements identified in the Bates White Undertaking U-23 response
19 regarding the interim period. Those reports are also to include summaries
20 focused on the quantities and values of makeup energy and capacity, with
21 details being better addressed during a FAM audit process. In addition, the
22 reports are to include financial data comparing capital and operating
23 expenditures against budgeted amounts, reports on the status of MFGS and
24 LIL commissioning, outstanding contractual, warranty and insurance
25 claims, final close out punch list matters, outstanding expropriations, and
26 outstanding operating agreements yet to be finalized.
 - 27 2. Maintain current quarterly Maritime Link Benefits reports which also
28 identify costs associated with replacement cost of undelivered energy and
29 costs associated with extended operation of Lingan 2 and any other thermal
30 resource that was intended to be displaced by Muskrat Falls deliveries.
 - 31 3. File the annual Independent Engineer O&M Report.
 - 32 4. File the annual marine survey report.
 - 33 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.

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1 6. Report on any forced outages experienced on the assets extending from
2 MFGS to Woodbine.

3 7. Report on wheel-through energy between Newfoundland and New
4 Brunswick, along with the associated OATT revenues.²
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6 In accordance with the Board’s direction, this report covers the benefits received for the period
7 from January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026.

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9 At the time of filing its Q2, Q3 and Q4 quarterly Maritime Link Benefit reports, NS Power was
10 unable to provide the quantified benefits in dollars, as a result of data being temporarily
11 unavailable due to the cyber event. NS Power has determined the company achieved a total of
12 \$ [REDACTED], \$ [REDACTED], and \$ [REDACTED] in quantified benefits for customers in Q2, Q3 and
13 Q4 2025, respectively. The total benefits associated with the Maritime Link for the full year of
14 2025, including the \$ [REDACTED] in quantified benefits provided in the Q1 2025 report is a total
15 of \$ [REDACTED]

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17 NS Power confirms that from January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026 inclusive, 554,074 MWh of
18 energy was supplied to NS Power over the Maritime Link. NS Power has determined that the
19 Company achieved a total of \$ [REDACTED] in quantified benefits for customers in Q1 2026
20 associated with the Maritime Link. The specific details with respect to the quantifiable benefits
21 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.

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1 **2.0 Q1, 2026 MARITIME LINK BENEFITS**

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3 For the period from January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026 inclusive, NS Power received a total of
4 554,074 MWh of energy from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (NLH).

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6 **2.1 Additional Commentary**

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8 From NLH, NS Power transacted 184,690 MWh of energy in January, 196,936 MWh of energy
9 in February, and 172,449 MWh of energy in March.

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11 NS Power received emergency energy of 1,062 MW in January, 184 MW in February, and 50
12 MW in March.

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14 Sales of wheel-through transmission between Bottom Brook, Newfoundland and the New
15 Brunswick-Nova Scotia Interface were [REDACTED] in January, [REDACTED] in February and \$ [REDACTED] in
16 March.

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

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

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27 As reported in NS Power's 2025 10-Year System Outlook ³ effective August 15, 2022, Lingan
28 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.

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1 reserve and available to be recalled on two weeks' notice. NS Power has identified a need for
2 additional firm capacity due to an increase in forecast firm peak energy. Lingan 2 will therefore
3 continue to be held in cold reserve for several years to maintain planning reserve margin.
4 Expenses for Q2, Q3 and Q4 2025 were not available at the time of filing the Q2, Q3 and Q4
5 Maritime Link Benefit Reports, respectively. The estimated Lingan 2 operating and capital costs
6 for Q1-Q4 2025 are provided in the table below:

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Quarter	Estimated LIN2 Operating Costs	Estimated LIN2 Capital Costs
Q1 2025	382,000	442,186
Q2 2025	169,000	1,872,518
Q3 2025	655,000	981,647
Q4 2025	125,000	391,029

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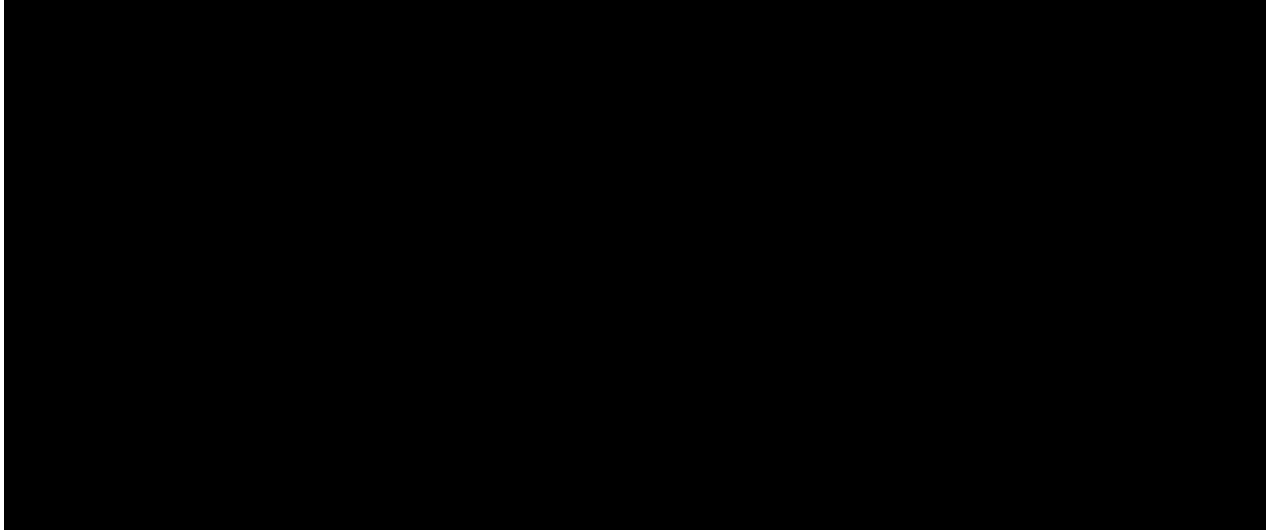
9 In Q1 2026, Lingan 2 operating expenses were estimated at \$534,000 and capital invested was
10 estimated at \$1,067,223.

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1 **Figure 2 – 2026 Q1 & Total 2026 Benefits**

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Q1 2026 Total



⁶ Includes bilateral energy.

⁷ 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.

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Appendix B

2026 Q1 Energy Delivered

Figure 3 – 2026 Q1 Base Block Energy

Base Block Energy	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
2013 Application Commitment*	83,742	75,638	83,742	243,123
Delivered MWH (up to Hourly Commitment)	80,293	73,119	79,596	235,424
Make Up MWH (above Hourly Commitment)	3,474	192	2,201	5,867
Total Delivered MWH	83,767	73,310	81,797	241,291
Make Up Delivered \$				

*Excluding losses

Figure 4 – 2026 Q1 Supplemental Block Energy

Supplemental Energy	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
2013 Application Commitment	49,272	44,503	49,073	142,848
Delivered MWH (up to Hourly Commitment)	47,480	44,484	48,675	140,640
Make Up MWH (above Hourly Commitment)	1,022	722	80	1,823
Total Delivered MWH	48,502	45,206	48,755	142,463
Make Up Delivered \$				

Figure 5 – 2026 Q1 Additional Energy⁸

Additional Energy	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
MWh of Additional Energy	52,421	78,419	41,897	172,737

⁸ Includes bi-lateral, surplus, and emergency energy.

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Appendix C

2026 Undelivered Energy and Replacement Cost

Figure 6 - 2026 Q1 Undelivered Energy and Replacement Costs (Including Cost of Make Up Energy)

	MWh
Total undelivered Base Block at beginning of quarter	(31)
Total undelivered Supplemental at beginning of quarter	(107)

	Q1 2026	
	MWh	\$ CAD
Opening Balance undelivered Base Block (\$CAD)	-	
Undelivered Base Block during the quarter	7,697	
Make up Base Block received during the quarter	5,867	
Total Undelivered Base Block at the end of the quarter inclusive of any over or under delivery from previous quarter	1,799	
Opening Balance undelivered Supplemental Block (\$CAD)	-	
Undelivered Supplemental Block during the quarter	2,208	
Make up Supplemental Block received during the quarter	1,823	
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	2,077	