Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

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

2020 Maritime Link Benefits Report Q3

NS Power

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1	1.0 INTRODUCTION
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3	As part of the Consensus Agreement approved by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
4	(NSUARB or Board) with respect to Nova Scotia Power Incorporated's (NS Power or Company)
5	2017-2019 Fuel Stability Plan (FSP) and Base Cost of Fuel (BCF) Application, NS Power agreed
6	to track the benefits realized for customers from the Maritime Link prior to the start of the Nova
7	Scotia Block and provide such information to customers on no less than a quarterly basis. In its
8	Order dated November 27, 2019 in respect of NSP Maritime Link Incorporated's (NSPML) 2020
9	Interim Cost Assessment (M09277), the NSUARB directed the quarterly reports to be continued.
10	Please accept this report as NS Power's third quarter report (Q3) for 2020 in relation to Maritime
11	Link benefits tracking.
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13	The Maritime Link was in-service since 2018 and has provided NS Power access to a new market,
14	reliability and system loss reductions as well as providing quantifiable benefits related to energy
15	transactions and ancillary services. The Maritime Link continues to provide long term strategic
16	benefits to Nova Scotia and the Atlantic region, and NS Power remains committed to achieving
17	those benefits for customers in 2020 and beyond. NS Power will also continue working towards
18	creating incremental value above the Nova Scotia Block and promoting the economic and
19	reliability benefits associated with the Maritime Link.
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21	In accordance with the Board's Decision dated June 11, 2018 on the confidentiality of the Maritime
22	Link Benefits Quarterly Tracking Report, NS Power provides the amount of energy flowing over
23	the Maritime Link (megawatts not dollar amounts) each quarter on a non-confidential basis.
24	Details of total benefits achieved year to date in 2020 are provided in this report.
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26	NS Power confirms that during Q3 2020, 5,090 MWh flowed over the Maritime Link, which
27	compares to 29,813 MWh in Q3 2019. NS Power has determined that the Company has achieved
28	a total of in quantified benefits for customers associated with the Maritime Link in Q3
29	2020. The specific details with respect to the quantifiable benefits achieved are provided in
30	Confidential Appendix A.

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2	In the proceeding before the NSUARB for NSP Maritime Link Incorporated's 2020 Interim Cost			
3	Assessment (M09277), Bates White Economic Consulting (Bates White), on behalf of NSUARB			
4	Counsel, made certain recommendations with respect to NS Power's quarterly reporting of			
5	Maritime Link Benefits. ¹			
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7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	We recommend that NSPI's Quarterly Reporting of Maritime Link be further standardized and include some reconciliation with previous quarterly reports, its response to BW-IR-2 (c), and its Interim Assessment Application Supplementary Evidence. At a minimum, NSPML should reconcile the put forth in its Interim Assessment Application Supplementary Evidence with its of benefits put forth in its response to BW-IR-2 (c), and restate all six quarterly benefits reports to categorize all benefits to date in a consistent set of benefits categories. NSPML should also elaborate on all MWh of transactions to date on the Maritime Link, distinguishing between transactions flowing power from Nova Scotia from those in which power flows to Nova Scotia. This recommendation will enhance transparency, allow for proper comparisons of benefits accrued through time, and assist future reviews of the determination and calculation of those benefits. ²			
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21	The NSUARB has already made a determination on the calculation of benefits and resulting hold			
22	back for 2018. As such, NS Power addressed Bates Whites' recommendations in the Q3 and Q4			
23	2019 Reports, to the extent applicable, through Figure 2 in Confidential Appendix A. The			
24	Company continues to incorporate the same information in this Q3 2020 and future Maritime Linl			
25	Benefits Reports.			

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 $^{^1}$ M09277, Evidence of Bates White Economic Consulting, dated August 29, 2019, pages 25-27. 2 M09277, Evidence of Bates White Economic Consulting, dated August 29, 2019, pages 26-27, lines 15-23 and 1-2.

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1	2.0	Q3 2020 MARITIME LINK BENEFITS		
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3	2.1	Q3 2020 Benefits		
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5	In Q3	3 2020, NS Power received from Nalcor a total of of energy, all through bilateral		
6	transactions. NS Power continues to be actively engaged in discussions with Nalcor in pursuit of			
7	bene	fits associated with the use of the Maritime Link on behalf of customers.		
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9	2.2	Additional Commentary		
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11	NS I	Power purchased from Nalcor of energy for the month of July, 2020, and		
12	purch	nased from Nalcor of energy for the month of September 2020.		
13		in August.		
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15	Valu	e was also created through the sale of wheel-through transmission from the New Brunswick		
16	borde	er to Bottom Brook, Newfoundland; in July, 2020, in August, 2020, and		
17		in September, 2020.		
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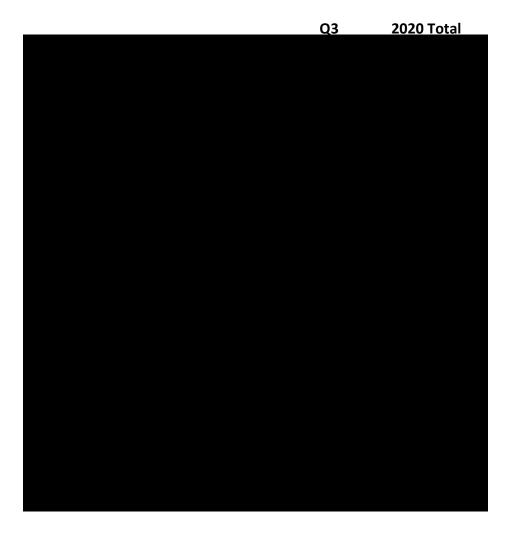
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1 Appendix A

2020 Benefits to End of Q3

Figure 1. 2020 Q3 & Total 2020 Benefits

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Figure 2. 2020 Q3 & Total Benefits



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