

January 28, 2025

Ms. Crystal Henwood
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk
Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
P.O. Box 1692, Unit "M"
Halifax, NS B3J 3S3

Re: Green Choice Program – NSPI Reporting Requirements

Dear Ms. Henwood:

March 10, 2020 amendments to the *Electricity Act* (Act) introduced Section 4BA¹. The Act was subsequently amended on April 22, 2022, establishing the Green Choice Program (GCP, Program)². The *Green Choice Program Regulations* (GCP Regulations), made under Section 4BC of the Act, came into force on August 29, 2023. The GCP Regulations set out Nova Scotia Power Incorporated (NS Power, Company) reporting requirements; section 23 provides as follows:

On or before January 31 of each year, NSPI must provide a report to the Minister and the Board summarizing all of the following actions taken in the previous calendar year regarding the participants and power purchase agreements that are under the Green Choice Program:

- (a) any extension, assignment, transfer or termination of a subscription of a participant;
- (b) any transfer, assignment or termination of a power purchase agreement.³

To date, the Company has worked with the Nova Scotia Department of Energy (formerly the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables) and the Procurement Administrator, Coho (formerly Customer First Renewables) to support the Program's development. NS Power has provided updates to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (Board) through the Path to 2030 Reports filed in compliance with the Board's directive of the 2023 Annual Capital Expenditures (ACE) Plan (considered as exhibit N-2 in the 2024 ACE Plan (M11458))⁴ and, most recently, in the

¹ Bill 232, *Electricity Act (amended)*, 2nd Session, 63rd General Assembly, Nova Scotia, 2020.

² Bill 145, *Electricity Act (amended)*, 1st Session, 64th General Assembly, Nova Scotia, 2022.

³ *Green Choice Program Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 226/2024.

⁴ M11017/M11458 – NS Power, The Path to 2030, section 4.1.2, pages 14-16. December 22, 2023.

2025 ACE Plan Application.⁵ On January 27, 2025, the Department of Energy issued a news release announcing the GCP Portfolio, inclusive of six (6) awarded projects anticipated to generate over 2,000 GWh annually⁶, and 11 GCP customers with a total annual subscribed energy of approximately 1,300 GWh⁷.

The Company is writing to confirm that, at this stage of the Program's development and implementation, none of the actions contemplated under s. 23 of the GCP Regulations were undertaken in 2024.

Yours truly,



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Manager, Regulatory Affairs

⁵ M12012 – NS Power, 2025 Annual Capital Expenditure Plan, Appendix H, section 6.1.2, pages 19-21. December 9, 2024.

⁶ Nova Scotia Department of Energy. (News Release) *Green Choice Program Greening the Grid, Creating Jobs, Improving Energy Independence*, January 27, 2025. <https://news.novascotia.ca/en/2025/01/27/green-choice-program-greening-grid-creating-jobs-improving-energy-independence>

⁷ Government of Nova Scotia, Green Choice Program website, available at: <https://novascotia.ca/green-choice-program/>