NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF A REVIEW of NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED'S interconnections process under s. 2C of the *Electricity Act*

BEFORE:

Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member

AMENDED HEARING ORDER

Section 2C of the *Electricity Act* states:

- 2C (1) The Board shall conduct a review of Nova Scotia Power Incorporated's interconnections process to ensure the best value for ratepayers and consistency and predictability for generators.
- (2) The Board shall undertake the review pursuant to subsection (1) as soon as is reasonably possible and shall make the results of the review public.

Board Counsel engaged Synapse Energy Economics to prepare a report following its review of NS Power's interconnections process, including holding two technical conferences. Synapse's final report was filed September 27, 2023.

The Board has determined that this proceeding will be conducted by way of a paper hearing, but the Board reserves the right to convert it to an oral hearing if circumstances warrant.

THE BOARD ORDERS as follows:

1. The following amended timetable will apply to this proceeding:

Reply to Board Counsel Consultant's report and recommendations from NS Power

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

| Information Requests (IRs) to Board Counsel Consultants and NS Power | Wednesday, November 8, 2023 |
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| Responses to IRs from Board Counsel Consultants and NS Power | Wednesday, November 29, 2023 |
| Intervenor Evidence | Wednesday, December 13, 2023 |
| IRs to Intervenors | Wednesday, January 3, 2024 |
| Responses to IRs from Intervenors | Wednesday, January 24, 2024 |
| Rebuttal Evidence from Board Counsel Consultants and NS Power | Wednesday, February 7, 2024 |
| Submissions by Intervenors | Wednesday, February 21, 2024 |
| Reply by Board Counsel Consultants and NS Power | Wednesday, February 28, 2024 |

- 2. The Board's Regulatory Rules will apply to this application, including Rule 7(3) with respect to filing by 2:00 p.m. on any date a document is due.
- 3. This Hearing Order will be advertised by posting it on the Board website under Notices of Hearing and by NS Power on its website.
- 4. The Clerk of the Board will provide a copy of the Hearing Order to the list of those participants involved in this proceeding, Matter M10905.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 27th day of October, 2023.