

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT and the MARITIME LINK ACT and the MARITIME LINK COST RECOVERY PROCESS REGULATIONS

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IN THE MATTER OF NSP MARITIME LINK INCORPORATED respecting the disposition of the holdback for 2022 and 2023

BEFORE:



Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair

Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair

Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member

AMENDED HEARING ORDER

In its *Final Project Costs* decision, 2022 NSUARB 18, the Board directed that, starting April 1, 2022, a \$2 million monthly holdback be applied to account for the continuing delivery delays of the NS Block. The Board noted this holdback mechanism would continue in each and every month during 2022 and be reviewed by the Board in January 2023.

In its application for approval of its 2023 revenue requirement and cost assessment, NSP Maritime Link Incorporated (NSPML) proposed that the \$2 million monthly holdback continue as directed in the Board's *Final Project Costs* decision. In its *NSPML 2023 Cost Assessment* decision, 2022 NSUARB 191, the Board continued the \$2 million monthly holdback into 2023 on an interim basis.

This proceeding is to consider the disposition of the holdback in all months during 2022 and 2023 in which NSPML/NS Power failed to receive 90% of the total basic NS Block and Supplemental Energy, as measured in MWh. The proceeding will also consider the administration of the holdback on a prospective basis, including any potential increase of the holdback.

Evidence or submissions filed in Matter M10708 will also be considered by the Board in this new proceeding, as supplemented by the parties.

The Board directs 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 also directs that all parties in Matter M10708 continue to have standing in this proceeding.

IT IS ORDERED that the following timetable will apply to this proceeding:

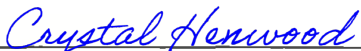
Notices of Intervention (other interested parties)	Thursday, March 9, 2023
Additional evidence by NSPML/NS Power, if any	Thursday, March 23, 2023
Information Requests (IRs) to NSPML/NS Power	Thursday, April 6, 2023
Responses to IRs from NSPML/NS Power	Thursday, April 20, 2023
Additional Evidence by Intervenors, if any	Thursday, May 4, 2023
IRs to Intervenors	Thursday, May 18, 2023
Responses to IRs from Intervenors	Thursday, June 1, 2023
NSPML/NS Power Rebuttal Evidence	Thursday, June 15, 2023
Submissions by all parties	Thursday, June 29, 2023
Reply Submissions by all parties	Thursday, July 13, 2023

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the *Board's Regulatory Rules* will apply to this application, including Rule 7(3) with respect to filing by 2:00 pm on any date a document is due.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Hearing Order be advertised by posting it on the Board website under Notices of Hearing.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Board provide a copy of this Hearing Order to the list of those interested in electricity matters.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 1st day of March 2023.



Clerk of the Board