

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF AN INQUIRY into the extent, condition and value of the property and assets of **NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED** under s. 30(5)(a) of the *Act*

BEFORE:



Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair
Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair
Richard J. Melanson, LL.B., Member

HEARING ORDER

The *Public Utilities Act* was amended, effective November 9, 2022, to require the Board, no later than March 31, 2024, to “inquire into and determine the extent, condition and value of the whole or any portion of the property and assets of Nova Scotia Power Incorporated used and useful in furnishing, rendering or supplying a particular service to or for the public.” Board Counsel has engaged EA Technology LLC to undertake a review of NS Power’s asset management processes and systems, and Grant Thornton LLP has been engaged to undertake a review of the utility’s accounting policies and procedures with respect to capital assets.

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 timetable will apply to this proceeding:

Filing Notices to Intervene	Wednesday, August 30, 2023
Filing of Board Counsel Consultant Reports	Wednesday, September 27, 2023
Information Requests (IRs) to Board Counsel Consultants	Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Responses to IRs from Board Counsel
Consultants

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Evidence and/or submissions by all parties

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

IRs to all parties

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Responses to IRs from parties

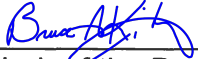
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Rebuttal Evidence and/or submissions
by all parties

Wednesday, January 31, 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 interested in electricity matters, as well as to participants in Matter M10431 (NS Power GRA).

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 21st day of July, 2023.



Clerk of the Board