

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by PORT HAWKESBURY PAPER LP seeking confirmation that it will not be responsible for the repayment of any costs related to Nova Scotia Power Incorporated's \$500 million regulatory asset as part of the tolls, rates and charges PHP pays to NS Power

BEFORE:



Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair

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

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

HEARING ORDER

On December 5, 2024, Port Hawkesbury Paper LP (PHP) requested that the Board confirm PHP will not be responsible for the repayment of any costs related to NS Power's \$500 million regulatory asset associated with Muskrat Falls related energy as part of the tolls, rates and charges PHP pays to NS Power, stating that it fully paid its fuel and purchased power costs.

The Board has determined that this proceeding will be conducted by way of a paper hearing.

The Board orders as follows:

1. The following timeline will apply to this proceeding, which assumes that leave to file IRs to intervenors has not been granted:

Notices of Intervention Friday, December 20, 2024

Information Requests (IRs) to PHP and NS Power Monday, January 6, 2025


Responses to IRs by PHP and NS Power Monday, January 20, 2025

Evidence by intervenors and Board
Counsel consultants Monday, January 27, 2025

Requests for leave to issue IRs to intervenors and Board Counsel consultants	Tuesday, January 28, 2025
Written Closing Submissions from intervenors	Monday, February 3, 2025
Written Reply Submissions from PHP	Monday, February 10, 2025

2. All the exhibits filed in Matter M11902 about NS Power's 2025 FAM AA/BA application are deemed to be exhibits in the present matter.
3. All parties in Matter M11902 are granted formal standing in this matter.
4. 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.
5. The Clerk of the Board will provide a copy of the Hearing Order to Interested Parties in the electricity mandate, the parties in Matter M11902, post it to the Board's Twitter account and publish it on the Board's website.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 10th day of December 2024.



Clerk of the Board