

November 22, 2017

Ms. Doreen Friis
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: 2018 Annual Capital Expenditure (ACE) Plan

Dear Ms. Friis:

A confidential copy of Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s (NS Power) 2018 Annual Capital Expenditure (ACE) Plan Application has been uploaded to the Board's confidential repository. A redacted version has been posted to the Utility and Review Board's (Board, UARB) public website. Seven confidential hard copies and one redacted hard copy of the Application will be provided to the Board.

Notable items in the 2018 ACE Plan include:

- A list of capital projects for which NS Power is seeking approval.
- A list of capital routines for which NS Power is seeking approval.
- A list of capital projects to be submitted at a later date for subsequent approval.

Certain information filed in support of the 2018 ACE Plan Application is filed with the request that the Board hold it in confidence. Pursuant to Rule 12 of the Board Regulatory Rules, NS Power requests confidential treatment of that information. NS Power also provides with this correspondence a Confidential Undertaking for the Board's approval.

NS Power has minimized the information for which it seeks confidential treatment in this Application. Appendix A to the 2018 ACE Plan is a "Confidentiality Matrix" which lists the individual capital work orders submitted for approval and their corresponding cost and technical support attachments. Designation of partial confidentiality for the capital work orders and their supporting documents is identified in the Confidentiality

Matrix, and it includes explanations for the confidentiality being claimed. Confidentiality of this information falls into the following three categories of information:

1. Commercially Sensitive
2. Third Party Propriety
3. System Security

Supporting documentation for individual capital work orders, and referenced in the Confidentiality Matrix, include:

- 23 Cost Support documents
 - Includes quotes, proposals, and cost estimates.
- 20 Technical Support documents
 - Includes assessment reports, product bulletins, and planning studies.

To assist the UARB and stakeholders in their review of NS Power's economically justified projects, NS Power has uploaded to the Board's confidential repository the Excel versions of the Economic Analysis Models filed in support of the individual capital items. Due to the inability to properly redact partially confidential information in electronic Excel files, these documents are filed as confidential. The PDF versions of these files have been partially redacted.

NS Power respectfully requests:

1. The UARB establish a process for review of NS Power's 2018 ACE Plan.
2. UARB approval of the attached Confidentiality Undertaking, and confidential treatment of certain information filed in support of the 2018 ACE Plan as described herein and in accordance with Board Rule 12.
3. UARB approval of 105 Capital Items with 2018 budget spending of approximately \$92 million and total project spending of approximately \$120 million.

4. UARB approval of the capital routine programs with 2018 budget spending of approximately \$84 million.

If there are any questions or comments with respect to any of the above, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Curry". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Brian Curry
Regulatory Counsel

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- c. Judith Ferguson
Nicole Godbout