

Proposal to Amend Market Rule

All information submitted in this process will be used by the NSPSO solely in support of its obligations under the "Electricity Act, S.N.S. 2004", C. 25, the "Market Rules" and associated policies, standards and procedures. All submitted information will be assigned the appropriate confidentiality level upon receipt.

1. Proposer's Identification

Name of proposer: Nova Scotia Power System Operator

Market Participant ID: (if applicable; 4 digits) NSSO

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2. Proposed Market Rule Amendment

Urgent Amendment Minor Amendment Material Amendment Special

Please provide the following information:

a) Section(s) of the Market Rules to which the proposed change relates:

- Chapter 1 – Sections 1.0 through 1.4
- Chapter 1 Appendix 1A - Multiple definitions
- Chapter 2 – Sections 2.1 through 2.7
- Chapter 2 Appendix 2C – 2C.1 through 2C.7
- Chapter 3 – Sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4,
- Chapter 4 – Sections 4.3, 4.4,
- Chapter 5 – Sections 5.1, 5.8

b) The reason for the request:

The Electricity Act, as amended by the Electricity Reform (2013) Act, enables retail customers to purchase renewable low-impact electricity generated in Nova Scotia from a licensed retail supplier (LRS). The amendment to the Act instituted the opening of a new competitive electricity market in Nova Scotia referred to as the Renewable to Retail (RtR) market.

As set out in section 3G(1) of the Act, NS Power was directed to develop in consultation with stakeholders, and file with the Board for approval, any new or amended tariffs, procedures and standards of conduct that are necessary to facilitate the purchase of renewable low-impact energy including:

- a) a new or amended open access transmission tariff (OATT);
- b) a distribution tariff;

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- c) a new or amended backup/top-up service tariff;
- d) a new or amended non-dispatchable supplier spill tariff;
- e) new or amended interconnection procedures;
- f) new or amended market rules; and
- g) any other tariffs, procedures or standards of conduct prescribed by the regulations or that the Board requires Nova Scotia Power Incorporated to develop or amend in order to facilitate the purchase of renewable low-impact electricity.

This document and its attachments pertain to item f), above.

c) A detailed description of the proposed content of the requested change:

- Changes proposed to MR 1 broaden the nature and scope of the existing Wholesale Market Rules to include the Renewable to Retail Market and provide for eligibility for Licensed Retail Suppliers to participate in the market.
- Definitions in MR Appendix 1A Definition and Acronyms have been updated to include terms related to the Renewable to Retail Market and to include definitions for NS Power's distribution generator interconnection procedure documents and agreements.
- The amendments proposed to MR 2 introduce the Licenced Retail Supplier as a new class of market participant and thereby enable the Licensed Retail Supplier to become qualified as a Market Participant under the expanded Wholesale and Renewable to Retail Electricity Market Rules. In addition, the role of the WMAC is also expanded to encompass the Renewable to Retail market via the amendments proposed in MR 2.3 and MR Appendix 2C.
- MR 3 amendments recognize the Licenced Retail Suppliers and the RtR market as required inputs to the NSPSO's forecasts and assessments and system planning.
- MR 4 amendments address the scheduling requirements for the Licenced Retail Suppliers, recognizing the geographically dispersed nature of the Licenced Retail Supplier's RtR customer load (as opposed to a single point of delivery), and the requirements for RtR generation scheduling.
- MR 5 amendments update the references to NSPI's distribution generation interconnection agreement (SSGIA) in 5.1.2 and 5.1.4.
- Several other revisions of a more minor nature have been made to support the changes described above and to provide links to other RtR tariffs and documentation, where necessary.
- All chapters and appendices are retitled as "Wholesale and Renewable-to-Retail Electricity Market Rules".

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d) A description of any adverse impacts if the NSPSO does not proceed with the adoption of the requested change and the any positive impacts if the NSPSO proceeds with the adoption of the requested change:

- Inability to implement the Renewable to Retail market.

3. Additional Information

These proposed amendments to the Market Rules assume the tariffs, procedures and documents being proposed by NS Power to facilitate the Renewable to Retail market (as referenced in Section 2(b) above) will be approved by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB).

As such, the NSPSO's decision and any implementation of these amendments to the Market Rules must be made conditional on the UARB approving those tariffs, procedures and documents as well as these proposed Amendments to the Market Rules.

4. Confidential Information

Is Confidential Information being submitted and included in Schedule A? **No Confidential Information.**

If yes, confirm whether the third party (a) has read and understood the provisions of the Market Rules, and Market Procedure MP-01 as they relate to the treatment of Confidential Information; and (b) understands that the NSPSO will Publish information relating to this request as described in Market Procedure MP-01. (Y/N)

5. Attachments

List all documents attached to this request:

Market Rules Proposed Amendments.pdf

6. Number assigned to this request (to be provided by the NSPSO): **MRAP-2015-001**