

July 28, 2020

Via Email

Ms. Crystal Henwood  
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk  
Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board  
1601 Lower Water Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Halifax, NS B3J 3S3

Dear Ms. Henwood,

**Re: P-884 - M08929, NS Power's Integrated Resource Plan**

Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NS Power) last communicated with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) with respect to this project on May 22, 2020.

Since that time, NS Power released the Modeling Results on June 26, 2020, held a half day workshop on the Modeling Results with interested parties on July 9, 2020, and has received comments from interested parties on the Modeling Results on July 17, 2020.

NS Power has been appreciative of the level of engagement by interested parties in this project. Starting with its approach to consultation on the pre-IRP deliverables, and confirmed in the Terms of Reference, NS Power has been committed to promotion of transparency throughout this process through continued regular engagement sessions, the distribution of draft materials for stakeholder review and input throughout the IRP phases, and individual meetings to discuss feedback and address questions. In addition, NS Power and its consultant, Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc (E3) have continued to meet regularly with Board staff and the Board's consultants, Synapse Energy Economics and Bates White, to work through modeling and deliverables.

NS Power has been continuing to work towards the September 30, 2020 date outlined in the Terms of Reference for delivery of its Final Report to the NSUARB. Following receipt of feedback from interested parties on the Modeling Results, NS Power believes that the process would benefit from some additional time to conduct some further analysis in relation to key issues raised by the parties, and to allow for the appropriate engagement on the final milestones for the project leading to the completion of the final report.

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To that end, NS Power is seeking Board approval of an extension of the date to file its Final Report from September 30, 2020 to October 30, 2020. The remaining milestones per the Terms of Reference would correspondingly shift as follows:

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| Draft Findings, Roadmap & Action Plan circulated to stakeholders | August 26, 2020    |
| Stakeholder comments on Draft Findings, Roadmap & Action Plan    | September 9, 2020  |
| IRP Findings stakeholder workshop                                | September 2020     |
| Draft IRP Report circulated to stakeholders                      | September 29, 2020 |
| Stakeholder comments on Draft IRP Report                         | October 13, 2020   |
| Final IRP Report filed with NSUARB                               | October 30, 2020   |

NS Power believes that this additional time for analysis and engagement will contribute positively to the overall project and Final Report and respectfully requests that this extension be approved.

Yours truly,



Nicole Godbout  
Director, Regulatory Affairs

C: 2020 IRP interested parties