NOVA SCOTIA POWER, INC. TRANSMISSION INFORMATION REQUEST

2024 APPLICATION PACKAGE

NSPI offers a package of basic information on its transmission system on request under terms of a Confidentiality Agreement. The Transmission System Information Package is suitable for parties interested in interconnection to the NSPI transmission system. This data is not intended to provide all of the information needed to perform a full System Impact Study, which must be conducted under the guidance of NSPI.

The Transmission System Information Package contains the following information:

- A simplified electrical one-line diagram of the NSPI transmission system.
- A geographical map of NS showing the location (and line designation) of all transmission lines (69kV and above), with the location of all transmission and major distribution substations (labeled by Station ID). The map is colour-coded by transmission voltage and shows county borders.
- A list of all transmission substations (excluding 345kV), sorted by voltage, then Station ID, with the following information for each substation:
 - Station ID
 - o Location
 - Loss factors for 6 blocks of generation (25 MW to 150 MW in 25 MW steps). Blocks greater than 50 MW are not shown for 69kV substations. Loss factors reflect the impact on overall system losses by placing a generation plant of a specified size at a specific location on the transmission system. A negative loss factor reflects a reduction in system losses. These factors represent the present system configuration while a full System Impact Study examines future configuration. There is no attempt to confirm whether a generator of the specified size can be installed at that location without system upgrades.
 - Short Circuit Level and X/R Ratio. This is an indication of the system strength at the specified substation. This information can be used for several purposes, for example, the determination of the level of voltage flicker that will likely be introduced based on the type of generation technology used.

Unless otherwise specified, the Transmission System Information Package will be delivered via e-mail attachment when the application and an executed (signed) Confidentiality Agreement have been received.

The PDF files can be printed, searched, and magnified using the Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available for free from: <u>http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html</u>

The Transmission System Information Package will be provided to interested parties who agree to hold this information in confidence by executing the Confidentiality Agreement and completing the Application Form.

NOTE

- THE INFORMATION PACKAGE REFLECTS NOVA SCOTIA POWER'S TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AS OF THE CALENDAR YEAR THAT IS INDICATED. THE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE YEAR BY YEAR.
- THE INFORMATION PACKAGE FOR A NEW YEAR MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL.
- NOTE THAT THE ONE-LINE DIAGRAM AND GEOGRAPHIC MAP ARE 2024 VERSIONS. THE LOSS FACTOR AND SHORT CIRCUIT DATA IS CARRIED OVER FROM 2023. 2024 DATA WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER SYSTEM IMPACT STUDIES FOR SIS GROUPS 32, 33, AND 34, CURRENTLY IN THE ADVANCED STAGE QUEUE, ARE COMPLETED.

Both documents should be sent by email to <u>NSPSOAdmin@nspower.ca</u> Originals can be mailed to:

NATASHA FLYNN, SENIOR COMPLIANCE ENGINEER NOVA SCOTIA POWER INC. 5 LONG LAKE DRIVE HALIFAX, NS B3S 1N8

APPLICATION FOR TRANSMISSION SYSTEM INFORMATION PACKAGE

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY		
NAME:		
COMPANY/AFFILIATION:		
POSTAL ADDRESS:		
(Number, Street)		
(City, Province)		
(Postal Code)		
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

This Confidentiality Agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of ______, 20_____, between Nova Scotia Power Incorporated ("NSPI") a company organized under the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia and ______(the "Recipient") a company organized under the laws of the Province of ______.

WHEREAS:

- A. NSPI and the Recipient are entering into this Agreement whereby the Recipient is assessing the feasibility of connecting generating facility(ies) to the transmission and distribution system in Nova Scotia (the "Transaction").
- B. In connection with the Transaction, the Recipient will be receiving, reviewing, and analyzing Confidential Information as defined herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. **Definitions**. In this Agreement the following terms have the following meanings:
 - (a) **"Business Day**" means every day except Saturday, Sunday and statutory holidays in the Province of Nova Scotia.
 - (b) "Confidential Information" means all information, regardless of the form in which it is communicated or maintained and prepared by NSPI or otherwise, that is disclosed, directly or indirectly, to the Recipient or its Representatives in connection with the Transaction including, but not limited to following: all reports analyses, notes, memoranda, contracts, correspondence, commercial arrangements, survey plans, maps, intellectual property, trade secrets, corporate strategies, business plans or other information that are based on, contain or reflect any such Confidential Information.
 - (c) "**Representatives**" means any of the Recipient's consultants, subcontractors and agents.

- 2. <u>Non Disclosure and Use of Confidential Information.</u> The Recipient agrees to keep in strictest confidence and not use on behalf of or disclose to any third party any Confidential Information disclosed to the Recipient pursuant to the Transaction as provided in this Agreement. The Confidential Information shall not be used by the Recipient or its Representatives for any extrinsic purpose other than for reasons directly related to the nature of the Transaction. It is understood as follows:
 - (a) Representatives will be informed by the Recipient of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information. The Recipient shall require the Representatives to adhere to the terms of this Agreement.
 - (b) In any event, the Recipient shall be responsible for any breach of this Agreement by any of its Representatives;
 - (c) The Recipient shall not use, reveal, release, disclose or divulge the Confidential Information in any form whatsoever to any person or publish in any manner whatsoever, other than as permitted hereby, unless it has the prior written consent of the NSPI. The Recipient shall safeguard the Confidential Information from unauthorized disclosure. The term "person" will be interpreted broadly to include any corporation, partnership, individual or governmental authority.
 - (d) Any information furnished to the Recipient or its Representatives by a director, officer, employee, stockholder, partner, co-venturer, consultant, affiliate, agent, or representative of NSPI will be deemed furnished by NSPI for the purpose of this Agreement.
- 3. <u>Permitted Disclosure</u>. The obligations set forth in Paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall not in any way restrict or impair the right of the Recipient to disclose and use the following information:
 - (a) information that is publicly available at the time of disclosure or becomes publicly available other than as a result of a violation of this Agreement;
 - (b) information that is or becomes available on a non-confidential basis from a source which is not known to the Recipient, after due inquiry, to be prohibited from disclosing such information pursuant to a legal, contractual or fiduciary obligation;
 - (c) information that the Recipient can demonstrate was legally in its possession prior to disclosure by NSPI and is not subject to a confidentiality obligation; or

- (d) information developed by the Recipient independently of any Confidential Information received under this Agreement without reference to, or consideration of, the Confidential Information, or breach of this Agreement, as demonstrable by the Recipient; or
- (e) information required to be disclosed by any law, order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or regulatory body with regulatory responsibilities over the Receiving Party.

Any specific Confidential Information or any combination of features comprising the same, will not be deemed to fall within paragraphs 3(a) to (e) inclusive, simply because the Confidential Information is contained within more general information or individual features that are included in paragraphs 3(a) to (e).

- 4. <u>Notice Preceding Compelled Disclosure.</u> If the Recipient or its Representatives are requested or required by oral question, interrogatories, requests for information or documents, subpoena, civil investigative demand, or similar process to disclose any Confidential Information, the Recipient shall promptly notify NSPI in writing of such request or requirement so that NSPI may seek an appropriate protective order or waive, in whole or in part, compliance with this Agreement. If, in the absence of a protective order or the receipt of a waiver hereunder, the Recipient or its Representatives are compelled to disclose the Confidential Information or else stand liable for contempt or suffer other censure or penalty if the Recipient or its Representatives do not disclose the Confidential Information to the party compelling disclosure as is required by law. The Recipient will provide reasonable cooperation to NSPI and its legal counsel with respect to performance of the above-noted covenants.
- 5. <u>Return of Confidential Information.</u> The Confidential Information will remain the property of NSPI. Upon request, at the option and instruction of NSPI, the written Confidential Information or any copies thereof, will be returned to NSPI promptly. No copies of the Confidential Information will be retained by Recipient, unless the parties agree otherwise in writing, with the exception of one legal file cope that may be retained in the custody of the Recipient's legal counsel solely for the determination of legal obligations under this Agreement. Any Confidential Information that may be found in drafts, notes, compilations, studies, synopses, or summaries thereof, or other documents prepared by or for Recipient, and written Confidential Information not so requested to be

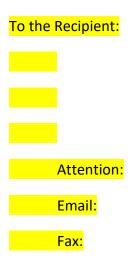
returned, will be held by the Recipient subject to the terms of this Agreement, or destroyed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Recipient shall not be obligated to erase or destroy Confidential Information that is contained in an archived computer system back up system. Such information shall be destroyed in accordance with the Recipient's standard security or disaster recovery procedures provided that such information is not readily accessible and no attempts are made to recover such Confidential Information. Notwithstanding the return or destruction of material, information and documents containing Confidential Information the terms and conditions of this Agreement remain in force and effect. The Recipient is responsible for retrieving all Confidential Information from its Representatives other than those who have entered into a Confidentiality agreement directly with NSPI.

- 6. **No Waiver.** No failure or delay in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder will operate as a waiver thereof. No single or partial exercise of any rights hereof will preclude any other or further exercise of any other right, power, or privilege hereunder.
- 7. <u>**Remedies.**</u> The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that money damages would not be a sufficient remedy for any breach of this Agreement by the Recipient and NSPI will be entitled to specific performance and injunctive relief as remedies for any such breach. Such remedies will not be deemed to be the exclusive remedies for a breach of this Agreement by the Recipient but will be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity to NSPI.
- 8. **Duration.** This Agreement shall remain in force and effect for two (2) years from the date first written above. The restrictions on the use and disclosure of Confidential Information shall survive any expiry or termination of the Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of expiry or termination of this Agreement.
- 9. <u>No Representations.</u> NSPI does not make any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of any Confidential Information provided by it hereunder. The Recipient agrees to assume full responsibility for all conclusions derived from the review of the Confidential Information.

- 10. <u>No Obligation</u>. The parties agree and understand that unless and until an additional agreement has been executed and delivered, no contract or agreement providing for a Transaction between the parties shall be deemed to exist between the parties
- 11. <u>Intellectual Property.</u> No right or license whatsoever, either expressed or implied, is granted to the Recipient by NSPI pursuant to this Agreement relating to any patent, patent application, copyright, trademark whether registered or not, or any other proprietary right owned or controlled by NPSI. The Recipient will not use any logo, trademark, design, mark or any distinguishing feature of NSPI in any manner, including without limitation in any advertising or promotional material, without the express prior written authorization of NSPI, which may be arbitrarily withheld.
- 12. **Nondisclosure of Existence of Negotiations.** Without the prior written consent of NSPI or except as may be required by applicable law or regulation, the Recipient shall not disclose to any person other than its Representatives who have a need to know such information in connection with the Transaction:
 - (i) that the Confidential Information has been disclosed to the Recipient, or
 - (ii) that discussions or negotiations are taking place between the parties regarding the Transaction, including without limitation, the status of such discussions or negotiations.
- 13. <u>Notices.</u> All notices to be given to a party hereunder shall be in writing and delivered personally, by mail or facsimile, addressed as follows:

To NSPI:

Nova Scotia Power Incorporated 1223 Lower Water Street Halifax, NS B3J 3S8 Attention: Legal Services Facsimile: (902) 428-4006



Notices shall be deemed received on the Business Day following delivery by facsimile or hand delivery, or, when sent by mail, five (5) Business Days after the date of mailing.

14. General.

- (a) This Agreement enures to the benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and permitted assigns and is binding on each other and each other's successors and permitted assigns. Neither party will assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent may be unreasonably withheld.
- (b) The headings of the Sections of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and do not constitute a part hereof or affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- (c) This Agreement may be executed by the parties in counterparts, each of which, when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and when taken together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument
- (d) This Agreement may be executed by facsimile or by electronic means. The parties shall recognize such execution as the valid and binding execution hereof.
- (e) This Agreement may be amended by a written instrument signed by both parties.
- (f) If for any reason any provision of this Agreement is declared or held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be considered

stricken and the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

(g) The provisions of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the date written above.

NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED

Per (Signature):

Witness (Signature and Printed Name)

Name (Printed):

Title (Printed):

RECIPIENT NAME

Per (Signature):

Witness (Signature and Printed Name) Name (Printed):

Title (Printed):