

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 **NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED** (“NSPI”) for approval of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) Bulk Electric System (“BES”) definition, the NSPI BES Exception Procedure, the BES Exception Request Form and NSPI’s specific requests for exceptions from the BES

BEFORE:



Roberta J. Clarke, Q.C., Member

ORDER

WHEREAS NSPI on June 15, 2015 filed with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (“Board”) an Application for approval of the NERC BES definition, the NSPI BES Exception Procedure and related Exception Request Form, NSPI specific requests for exceptions from the BES, and supporting information;

AND WHEREAS due to the Northeast Power Coordinating Council (“NPCC”) ongoing consultation process on member exception procedures, NSPI asked the Board to hold its Application in abeyance pending further submissions which might arise from the NPCC process;

AND WHEREAS NSPI subsequently filed additional supporting documentation, including progress reports on January 29, 2016, March 31, 2016, and April 8, 2016;

AND WHEREAS on March 31, 2016, NSPI requested that the Board proceed with its review of the Application, and filed a revised Appendix D to the Application, and clarified that NSPI seeks approval of the BES Definition as provided in Appendix A and described in Section 3 of the Application.

AND WHEREAS on April 8, 2016, NSPI provided recommended effective dates for Board Orders associated with the Application, including a request that, with respect to potential compliance gaps, it be allowed a period of five years from the date of the Board's Order in this matter to complete the compliance work for newly identified BES elements, as outlined in Section 7 of the Application.

AND WHEREAS the Board issued Information Requests ("IRs") to NSPI on July 12, 2016, and November 17, 2016, to which NSPI responded on July 26 and December 1, 2016, respectively;

AND WHEREAS by letter dated December 13, 2016 the Board asked NPCC to review and comment on the specific Exception Requests (Appendix H to the Application) and provide any other comments on the Application;

AND WHEREAS by letter dated February 13, 2017 NPCC provided its comments agreeing with the Exception Requests and agreed that there are no reliability impacts outside of the Nova Scotia provincial boundary resulting from the NSPI Application;

AND WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the Application and supporting information and the NPCC comments;

AND WHEREAS as described in its March 13, 2017 letter to NSPI, the Board found certain elements of the Application to be acceptable, including the NERC

BES definition, the proposed BES Exception Request Form and the proposed effective dates and compliance dates as described in NSPI's April 8, 2016 letter to the Board;

AND WHEREAS in its March 13, 2017 letter, the Board directed NSPI to make a compliance filing incorporating certain revisions to the NSPI BES Exception Procedure;

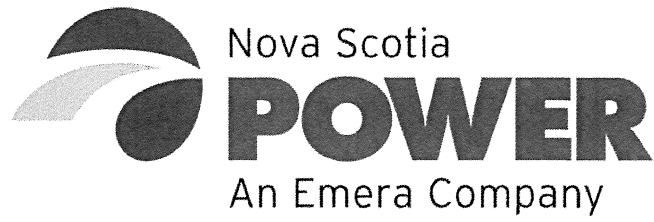
AND WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the compliance filing;

IT IS ORDERED that the NERC BES definition (Appendix A to the Application), the NSPI BES Exception Procedure and BES Exception Request Form attached hereto as Appendix "A", and the BES Exception Requests listed in Appendix "B" attached hereto are hereby approved, all effective as of the date of this Order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that NSPI's plan to address compliance gaps as described in the Application is approved and compliance work for newly identified BES elements shall be completed within five years from the date of this Order. The Board directs NSPI to include a report on the status of compliance gaps in its annual 10 Year System Outlook Report.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 6th day of April, 2017.


Clerk of the Board



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1.0 Definitions

For ease of reference, the definitions of the following terms that are used in this document are set forth below.

Acceptance of the Exception Request (or Acceptance): The determination that an eligible Exception Request (i.e., an exception request permitted under section 4.1) contains all the Required Information so that it can undergo substantive review).

Approval of the Exception Request (or Approval): The determination by the NSUARB that an Exception Request meets the criteria to receive the requested Exception.

BES: Bulk Electric System

BES Definition: The NERC definition of the Bulk Electric System as set forth in the NERC *Glossary of Terms Used in Reliability standards*.

Confidential Information: Information that is subject to restrictions on disclosure.

Disapproval of the Exception Request (or Disapproval): The determination by the NSUARB that an Exception Request does not meet the criteria to receive the requested Exception.

Element: Any electrical device with terminals that may be connected to other electrical devices such as a generator, transformer, circuit breaker, bus section, or transmission line. An element may be comprised of one or more components.

Eligible Reviewer: A person who has the required security clearance or other qualifications, or who otherwise meets the applicable criteria to have access to Confidential Information as applicable to the particular information to be reviewed.

Exception: Either an Inclusion Exception or an Exclusion Exception.

Exclusion Exception: A determination that an element that falls within the BES Definition should be excluded from the BES

Exception Procedure: The procedure set forth in this document.

Exception Request: A request made by a Submitting Entity in accordance with this document for an Exception.

Exception Request Form: The form adopted by NSPI, in accordance with the template provided in Appendix A, for use by the Submitting Entities in submitting Exception Requests.

Inclusion Exception: A determination that an Element that falls outside the BES Definition should be included in the BES.

NERC: North American Electric Reliability Corporation

NSPI: Nova Scotia Power Inc.

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NSUARB: Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

Owner: The owner(s) of an Element or Elements that is or may be determined to be part of the BES as a result of either the application of the BES Definition or an Exception, or another entity, such as an operator, authorized to act on behalf of the owner of the Element or Elements in the context of an Exception Request.

Recommendation: The report to the NSUARB containing the evaluation prepared in accordance with section 5.2 concerning whether or to what extent an Exception Request should be approved.

Rejection of the Exception Request (or Rejection): The determination that an Exception Request is not an eligible Exception Request (i.e. an Exception Request permitted by section 4.1 or does not contain all the Required Information in accordance with section 4.5 in order to be reviewed for substance.

Regional Entity: In the context of this document, the Northeast Power Coordinating Council or North American Electric Reliability Corporation, as applicable.

Registered Entity: NERC Registered Entity. In the context of this document, Planning Authority, Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, Transmission Planner or Balancing Authority

Required Information: Information required to be provided in an Exception Request as specified in section 4.0.

Scope of Responsibility: The registered functions of a Registered Entity and the geographical or electric region in which the Registered Entity operates to perform its registered functions or with respect to a Regional Entity, its Regional Entity region.

Submitting Entity: The entity that submits an Exception request in accordance with section 4.0.

2.0 Introduction

Nova Scotia has adopted the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) definition of the Bulk Electric System (BES). The NERC definition of the BES uses specific terms and thresholds that, in most cases, should appropriately identify Elements and groups of Elements that are appropriately classified as part of the BES. Conversely, the BES Definition should, in most cases, exclude Elements that are not part of the BES. The “Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards”, located on the NERC website at: http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Glossary%20of%20Terms/Glossary_of_Terms.pdf contains the aforementioned definition of Bulk Electric System.

In certain cases, the BES Definition may classify Elements as part of the BES that are not necessary for the reliable operation of the interconnected bulk power transmission system or the BES Definition may classify certain Elements as non-BES that are necessary for the reliable operation of the interconnected bulk power transmission system. This document provides the procedure by which an entity may request and receive an Exception within Nova Scotia, Canada. This Exception Procedure for Nova Scotia is an equivalent procedure to Appendix 5C from the NERC Rules of Procedure, effective July 1, 2013 “*Procedure for Requesting and Receiving an*

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Exception From the Application of the NERC Definition of the Bulk Electric System” for US entities.

An entity must request and obtain an Exclusion Exception pursuant to an Exception Request under this Exception Procedure before any Element that is included in the BES by application of the NERC BES Definition shall be excluded from the BES. Likewise, an entity must request and obtain an Inclusion Exception pursuant to an Exception Request under this Exception Procedure before any Element that is excluded from the BES by application of the BES Definition shall be included in the BES.

During the pendency of an Exception Request, the status of an Element(s) that is the subject of an Exception Request shall remain as it is determined based on application of the BES Definition. This status will continue until all appeals to the Nova Scotia Utilities and Review Board are completed. An entity that is planning a connection of a new Element for which it believes an Exception would be appropriate may request an Exception prior to commercial operation of the Element.

The Owner of the Element to which the Exception Request applies or, with respect to an Element owned by another Registered Entity or Regional Entity that has (or will have upon inclusion of the Elements in the BES) the Elements covered by an Exception Request within its Scope of Responsibility may submit an Exception Request for the Element as provided in this Exception Procedure

2.1 Authority

Pursuant to the Public Utilities Act, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) exercises general supervision over all electric utilities operating as public utilities within the Province of Nova Scotia. This Procedure is subject to the approval by the NSUARB.

2.2 Scope

An Exception can either include within the BES an Element or Elements that would otherwise be excluded by application of the BES Definition or exclude from BES an Element or Elements that would otherwise be included by application of the BES Definition. This document is intended to implement authorization granted by the NSUARB to allow such Exceptions from the BES.

3.0 Basis for Approval of an Exception

An entity may request and obtain Approval for an Exclusion or Inclusion Exception.

3.1 Grounds for an Exception

3.1.1 Inclusion Exception

An Inclusion Exception may be requested and obtained on the grounds that the Element(s) for which the Exception Request is filed is not included within the BES based on application of the BES Definition but is necessary for the reliable operation of the interconnected bulk power transmission system as evidenced by Required Information provided pursuant to the “Detailed Information to Support an Exception Request” in Section III of the Exception Request Form.

3.1.2 Exclusion Exception

An Exclusion Exception may be requested and obtained on the grounds that the Element(s) for which the Exception Request is filed is included within the BES based on application of the BES Definition but is not necessary for the reliable operation of the interconnected bulk power transmission system as evidenced by Required Information provided pursuant to the "Detailed Information to Support an Exception Request" in Section III of the Exception Request Form.

3.2 Burden

The burden to provide a sufficient basis for Approval of an Exception Request in accordance with the provisions of this Exception Procedure is on the Submitting Entity. It is the responsibility of NSPI, subject to oversight by the NSUARB as provided in this Exception Procedure, to evaluate the request and make a Recommendation to the NSUARB regarding its Approval. All evidence provided as part of an Exception Request or response will be considered in determining whether an Exception Request shall be approved or disapproved.

4.0 Submission of an Exception Request

An Inclusion or Exclusion Exception Request may be submitted. An Exception will not be permitted where it impinges upon the reliability of the interconnected system.

The submission of an Exception Request will be addressed to: 5 Long Lake Drive, Halifax, NS, Canada, B3T 1N8 to the attention of Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) Manager at NSPI.

4.1 Eligible Submitting Entities

The Owner of an Element may submit an Exception Request for either an Inclusion Exception or an Exclusion Exception regarding that Element. A Regional Entity or Registered Entity that has (or will have upon inclusion in the BES) the Elements covered by an Exception Request within its Scope of Responsibility may submit an Exception Request for the inclusion in the BES of an Element or Elements owned by a Registered Entity, provided that before doing so, (i) the Submitting Entity conferred with the Owner about the reasons for an Exception, and (ii) could not reach agreement regarding the submission of such an Exception Request. (If the Owner agrees with submitting an Exception Request, the Owner should be the Submitting Entity.) Only a Regional Entity or Registered Entity may submit an Exception Request for the inclusion in the BES of an Element or Elements owned by an Owner that is not a Registered Entity.

Only the Owner, a Registered Entity or Regional Entity may submit an Exception Request for the exclusion from the BES of an Element.

4.2 Submission for Each Request

A separate Exception Request shall be submitted for each Element or set of connected Elements for which the Submitting Entity seeks an Exception. The scope of an Exception Request shall cover the terminal connections of the Element or set of Elements as identified in the Exception Request. Where the Submitting Entity seeks Exceptions from the BES Definition for multiple, similar Elements (either at the same location or at

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different locations within the geographic boundaries of Nova Scotia) on the same basis, the Exception Requests for all such Elements may be included in one Exception Request with all such Elements or sets of connected Elements separately identified.

Multiple Submitting Entities may jointly file Exception Requests for similar Elements for which they are requesting Exceptions on the same basis. In such a situation, the Submitting Entities will submit a package comprised of a complete Exception Request Form for the Lead Entity, and an Exception Request Form for each other Submitting Entity that (1) provides the Submitting Entity's differing individual information to the extent such is required (e.g., contact information, identification, and location of Element(s), etc.), and (2) otherwise references the pertinent portions of the complete Exception Request Form filed by the Lead Entity (e.g., status under application of the BES Definition, basis for an Exception under section 3.1, etc.). For any Exception Request filed by multiple Submitting Entities as provided in this section, the Lead Entity shall be considered the "Submitting Entity" for purposes of NSUARB's notices and actions in accordance with the remainder of this Exception Procedure.

However, any Owner nonetheless may take any action otherwise appropriate for a Submitting Entity (e.g., respond to a Recommendation, submit an appeal, etc.).

4.3 Withdrawal of an Exception Request

A Submitting Entity may withdraw an Exception Request at any time prior to the NSUARB Approval or Disapproval of the Exception Request.

4.4 Form and Format of an Exception Request

An Exception Request in the form of Appendix A to this document must be submitted to NSPI. If the Submitting Entity is not the Owner, it shall at the same time provide a copy of the Exception Request to the Owner (or if the Owner is unknown, to the operator of the Element(s)) to which the Exception Request applies.

4.5 Required Information

An Exception Request shall contain the Required Information as specified in this section. Failure to provide all Required Information may result in Rejection of the Exception request as incomplete.

4.5.1 Required Information in Section I of the Exception Request

Section I of the Exception Request shall include:

- i Name and address of Submitting Entity.
- ii Name of the Owner, if different than the Submitting Entity,
- iii Exception Request submittal date.
- iv Whether the Exception Request is an original Exception Request or an amended Exception Request; and if it is an amended Exception Request, the identification number(s) of the original Exception Request and any previous amendments.

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- v Whether the Exception Request is being submitted in conjunction with Exception Requests by other Submitting Entities. If so, the names of the other Submitting Entities.
- vi The type(s) of Element(s) for which the Exception is being requested.
- vii Status, based on application of the BES Definition, of the Element(s) for which the Exception is being requested.

At the same time the Submitting Entity submits the Exception Request Form to NSPI, the Submitting Entity shall submit a copy of Section I to each Registered Entity that has (or will have upon inclusion to the BES) the elements covered by an Exception Request within its Scope of Responsibility.

4.5.2 Required Information in Section II of the Exception Request

Section II Required Information will not be publicly posted or disclosed to third parties except for persons involved in reviewing the Exception Request. Section II of the Exception Request shall include:

- i Identification and location(s) of Element(s) for which the Exception is being requested.
- ii Name, title, phone number, and E-mail address of the Submitting Entity's technical contact person for the Exception Request.
- iii Certification by the Submitting Entity (if other than Owner) that it conferred with the Owner regarding the reason for the requested Exception, but could not reach agreement regarding the submission of an Exception Request.
- iv To the extent known by the Submitting Entity, name, mailing address, phone number, and E-mail address of the Owner's technical contact person for the Exception Request, if the Owner is different from the Submitting Entity.
- v Identification of any Registered Entity that has (or will have upon inclusion in the BES) the Elements covered by the Exception Request within its Scope of Responsibility, and certification by the Submitting Entity that it has sent copies of Sections I and II to each such entity.
- vi A statement of the basis on which the Submitting Entity contends the Exception Request should be approved, and if the Submitting Entity is not the Owner, a statement of the basis of the Submitting Entity's reason for submitting the Exception Request.
- vii A statement, signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Submitting Entity's senior management stating that the representative has read the Exception Request on behalf of the Submitting Entity and that the Submitting Entity believes Approval of the Exception Request is warranted.

At the same time the Submitting Entity submits the Exception Request Form to NSPI, the Submitting Entity shall submit a copy of Section II to each Registered Entity that has (or

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will have upon inclusion to the BES) the elements covered by an Exception Request within its Scope of Responsibility.

4.5.3 Required Information in Section III of the Exception Request

Section III shall contain all detailed information to support the Exception Request. The Submitting Entity may designate all or part of the Section III Required Information as Confidential Information. Section III shall include a statement identifying why each such item of information is Confidential Information.

4.5.4 Contributory Information

The Owner of the Element(s) to which the Exception Request applies, if different than the Submitting Entity, may file a response to supplement, correct or disagree with all or any part of an Exception Request. Any Registered Entity or Regional Entity that has (or will have upon inclusion of the Element(s) in the BES) the Elements covered by an Exception Request within its Scope of Responsibility may also provide input to NSPI regarding the Exception Request.

4.6 Supplemental Information

An Owner, Registered Entity or Regional Entity at any time prior to NSPI issuing its Recommendation, may supplement a pending Exception Request that is under review, either at the request of NSPI or at the Owner, Registered Entity or Regional Entity's own initiative, for the purpose of providing additional or revised Required Information.

The Owner, Registered Entity or Regional Entity shall submit a written explanation of what Required Information is being added or revised and the purpose of the supplementation. Supplementing a pending Exception Request may, at NSPI's discretion, reset the time period for the initial screening or substantive review, as applicable.

4.7 Confidential Information

If, in order to evaluate an Exception Request, the Owner, a Registered Entity or a Regional Entity wishes to obtain any Confidential Required Information contained within the Exception Request, the entity may submit to NSPI a request stating its reason for wanting to review such information, and NSPI may provide such information to the Owner, Registered Entity or Regional Entity if NSPI believes such review may assist NSPI's review; if any of such Section III Required Information has been designated Confidential Information, prior to being provided the Confidential Information, the Owner, Registered Entity or Regional Entity shall execute a confidentiality agreement in a form established by NSPI. Any response provided must be submitted to the NSPI with copies to the Submitting Entity and the Owner, if different from the Submitting Entity, within forty-five (45) days after the date the Exception Request Form was submitted to the NSPI.

Upon reasonable advance notice from NSPI, and subject to confidentiality of information limitations, a Submitting Entity or Owner must provide access to Confidential Information and access for a physical review and inspection of the Element or Elements for which an Exception request has been submitted.

If the Submitting Entity or Owner is prohibited from disclosing any Confidential Information to any person who is not an Eligible Reviewer, then such Confidential

Information shall only be reviewed by a representative or representatives of NSPI, which may include contractors, who are Eligible Reviewers.

NSPI will work with the Submitting Entity and/or Owner to provide necessary levels of protection for information submitted as part of the Exception Request. If NSPI shares any Confidential Information with a third party it shall do so subject to restrictions in applicable law under appropriate confidentiality agreements.

5.0 Exception Request Review

NSPI's evaluation of the Exception Request shall consist of two stages:

- i During the first stage, NSPI shall conduct an initial screening to determine whether to accept or reject the Exception Request; and
- ii During the second stage, NSPI shall conduct a substantive review to determine its Recommendation to the NSUARB as to whether or not the Exception Request should be approved.

If NSPI determines at any time that for a specified period of time, NSPI will be unable to complete initial screenings of Exception Requests within the time provided by section 5.1.3 and/or substantive reviews of Exception Requests within the time provided in section 5.2.2, NSPI, shall establish an alternative time period objective and work plan for completing initial screenings and substantive reviews of Exception Requests during the specified period of time.

When NSPI is the Submitting Entity of an Exception Request, it nonetheless shall process such Request in accordance with this section 5.0, with the following exceptions:

- i There will be no initial screening, Acceptance, or Rejection, and therefore sections 5.1.3 through 5.1.6 will not apply;
- ii No later than sixty (60) days after the submission of the Exception Request to the Owner and other applicable entities, NSPI shall commence its substantive review of the Exception Request (and of any responses received from the Owner and other applicable entities) in accordance with section 5.2 and shall complete such substantive review within six (6) months.

5.1 Initial Screening

5.1.1

Upon receipt of an Exception Request, NSPI will assign a unique identifier to the Exception Request, and will review the Exception Request to determine that the Exception Request is from an eligible (in accordance with section 4.1) Submitting Entity for an Exception from the application of the BES Definition and that all Required Information has been provided.

5.1.2

The unique identifier assigned to the Exception Request will be in the form of XXXX-NPCC-NSPI-Exception-ZZZZZ, where "XXXX" is the year in which the Exception Request is received by the NSPI (e.g., "2013"); NPCC identifies the Regional Reliability Entity within whose geographic boundaries NSPI resides; NSPI identifies the Nova Scotia BA as the Registered Entity; and "ZZZZZ" is the sequential number of the

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Exception Requests received by the NSPI in that year. If the Exception Request is amended or resubmitted, "-AZ" will be added to the end of the identifier, where "Z" is the number of the amendment to the Exception Request.

5.1.3

NSPI will complete its initial screening of the Exception Request Form and any Owner's response submitted pursuant to section 4.5.4 no later than either sixty (60) days after receiving the Exception Request or, if the Submitting Entity is not the Owner, thirty (30) days after receiving any Owner's response, whichever is later, unless (i) the NSPI has established an alternative time period objective and work plan for completing initial screenings pursuant to this section 5.0 that provides for a different time period(s) for completing initial screenings, or (ii) NSPI issues a notice to the Submitting Entity, and to the Owner if different, prior to the deadline date for completing the initial screening, stating that the NSPI will not be able to complete the initial screening by the deadline date and stating a revised deadline date.

5.1.4

If, based on its initial screening, NSPI determines the Exception Request is from an eligible Submitting Entity for an Exception from the BES Definition, and that all Required Information has been provided, NSPI shall accept the Exception Request as complete and send a notice of such Acceptance to the Submitting Entity, with a copy to the Owner, if different than the Submitting Entity.

5.1.5

If NSPI determines, based on its review of the Exception Request, that the Exception Request (i) is not from an eligible (in accordance with section 4.1) Submitting Entity for an Exception from application of the BES Definition, and/or (ii) does not contain all Required Information, NSPI shall reject the Exception Request as incomplete and send a notice of such Rejection to the Submitting Entity, with a copy to the Owner, if different than the Submitting Entity. To the extent feasible, if an Exception Request Form is missing Required Information, NSPI shall not reject the Exception Request until (1) it has contacted the Submitting Entity to request that the Exception Request Form be supplemented with the missing Required Information, and (2) the Submitting Entity has failed to submit such Required Information within thirty (30) days or such additional period of time as NSPI may allow at its discretion based on the circumstances. Under appropriate confidentiality/security agreements, NSPI shall facilitate the access to data and information from other entities required by the Submitting Entity to accurately supply the Detailed Information to Support an Exception Request (e.g., interconnection base case power flow studies) and/or by the Owner to accurately respond. When a Submitting Entity submits supplemental Required Information in response to a request under this section 5.1.5, the time for NSPI to perform its initial screening will be extended for fifteen (15) days after receipt of the supplemental Required Information.

If NSPI rejects the Exception Request in accordance with section 5.1.5, NSPI's notice shall explain the reason for the Rejection. The Submitting Entity may, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Rejection, appeal to the NSUARB in accordance with section 7.0 of this Exception Procedure to reverse the Rejection and to direct NSPI to proceed with a substantive review of the Exception Request.

5.1.6

NSPI may either accept the Exception Request in its entirety, reject the Exception Request in its entirety, or if the Exception Request is for more than one Element, may accept it with respect to a subset of the Elements and reject it with respect to the remainder based on the similarity of the evidence presented for the Exception Request.

5.2 Substantive Review

5.2.1

After Acceptance of an Exception Request, this Procedure shall provide that the Submitting Entity shall compensate NSPI for the actual cost associated with the substantive review. Within twenty (20) Business Days following the Acceptance of the Exception Request, NSPI shall provide to the Submitting Entity a non-binding good faith estimate of the cost and timeframe to complete a substantive review for the Exception Request under consideration. A deposit in the full amount of the estimated cost shall be delivered by way of a certified cheque or bank draft prior to further processing of the Exception Request. Upon completion of the substantive review, NSPI shall charge and the Submitting entity shall pay the actual costs.

5.2.2

After receipt of the Review deposit, NSPI shall conduct a substantive review of all evidence provided as part of an Exception Request or response to evaluate whether or to what extent the Exception Request should be approved. As part of its substantive review, depending on the circumstances of the Exception Request, NSPI may request access to and review the Required Information, including any Confidential Information that is necessary to support the Exception Request; may conduct one or more physical inspections of the relevant Element(s) and its (their) context and surrounding Elements and Facilities; may request additional information from the Submitting Entity, Owner, or applicable Registered Entities; and may engage in further discussions concerning possible revisions to the Exception Request.

5.2.3

At the outset of its substantive review of the Exception Request, NSPI shall develop a milestone schedule pursuant to which it plans to conduct the substantive review, and shall send a copy of the milestone schedule to the Submitting Entity and the Owner, if different, for information. NSPI shall complete the substantive review of the Exception Request within six months after Acceptance of the Exception Request or within an alternative time period under section 5.0, at the conclusion of which NSPI shall issue a notice (in accordance with section 5.2.3) stating its Recommendation that the Exception Request be approved or disapproved. NSPI may extend the period of substantive review for individual Exception Requests; the revised date by which NSPI will issue its Recommendation concerning the Exception Request shall be stated in a notice issued by NSPI.

5.2.4

Upon completion of its substantive review of the Exception Request, NSPI shall issue a Recommendation to the NSUARB, with a copy to the Submitting Entity and to the Owner if different than the Submitting Entity, including NSPI's evaluation of whether and to what extent the Exception Request qualifies to be approved in its entirety or be disapproved in its entirety, or if the Exception Request is for more than one Element, to

be approved with respect to a subset of the Elements and disapproved with respect to the remainder of the Elements. The Recommendation shall set forth the basis on which NSPI arrived at its Recommendation. With the Recommendation, NSPI will also send the NSUARB copies of the Exception Request Form and all other information considered by NSPI in arriving at its Recommendation.

5.2.5

NSPI shall develop a reporting program for the Bulk Electric System Exception Procedure that shall be included within NSPI's annual 10 Year System Outlook Report. The program will include the number, status, and timing of any initial screenings and substantive reviews of Exception Requests.

6.0 Appeal of Rejection of an Exception Request

The Submitting Entity may submit to the NSUARB, with a copy to NSPI and Owner if different than the Submitting Entity, information that demonstrates that the insufficiencies in an Exception Request Form identified in the notice of Rejection by NSPI pursuant to section 5.1.5 are incorrect or otherwise do not warrant Rejection of the Exception Request, and that the Exception Request should be accepted and proceed to substantive review. A Submitting Entity's submission to the NSUARB under this section 6.0 shall be in writing, shall provide the Exception Request which received the Rejection (using the identifier assigned to the Exception Request pursuant to section 5.1.2), and shall set forth a description of the errors that the Submitting Entity believes are in the notice of Rejection. The Submitting Entity's submission must demonstrate that it is eligible (in accordance with section 4.1) to submit the Exception Request and that all Required Information for the Exception Request has been provided.

The NSUARB will review the Submitting Entity's submission and the reports submitted by a Regional Entity or Registered Entity pursuant to section 5.1.5 with respect to the Exception Request, and if the NSUARB determines that the Submitting Entity is eligible (in accordance with section 4.1) to submit the Exception Request, that all Required Information has been provided, and that the Exception Request should proceed to substantive review, the NSUARB shall issue a decision directing NSPI to proceed to a substantive review of the Exception Request in accordance with section 5.2. The NSUARB will send a written notice to the Submitting Entity, the Owner if different, and NSPI stating that the NSUARB either directs NSPI to proceed to a substantive review or that the NSUARB does not direct such a review.

7.0 Approval or Disapproval of Exception Request

Following the date of NSPI's Recommendation to the NSUARB, a Submitting Entity or Owner, will have thirty (30) days to submit a comment in support of or opposition to the Recommendation. The NSUARB shall review the Recommendation and accompanying materials provided by NSPI and any comment submitted by the Submitting Entity or Owner.

The NSUARB may, at its sole discretion, submit the Recommendations and accompanying materials provided by NSPI and any comments from the submitting entity to NPCC for review and comment prior to issuing a decision on the Exception Requests. As part of its review, NPCC may conduct interviews or discussion regarding any questions with NSPI, the Submitting Entity or Owner (if different than the Submitting Entity).

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Upon completion of their review, the NSUARB shall issue a decision either to approve or to disapprove the Exception Request. If the Exception Request concerns more than one Element, the review team's decision may approve the Exception Request in its entirety, disapprove the Exception Request in its entirety, or approve some portion of the Exception Request and disapprove the remaining portion. The decision shall be in writing, shall be based on the team's independent consideration of the full record, and state the basis for the decision.

The decision of the NSUARB shall be the decision of NSPI with respect to Approval or Disapproval of the Exception Request. The NSUARB will provide copies of any documents considered by the NSUARB review team in reaching its decision that were not originally provided by NSPI.

NSPI will provide copies of any documents considered by the NSUARB and NSPI review teams in reaching its decision that were not originally provided or have not previously been provided to, the Submitting Entity and the Owner, if different than the Submitting Entity.

Documentation used to substantiate the decision related to an Exception Request shall be retained by NSPI for a minimum of seven (7) years or as long as the Exception is in effect, whichever is longer, unless a different retention period is otherwise identified.

8.0 Implementation Period for Exceptions

8.1 Inclusion Exception

In the case of an Element not included in the BES by application of the BES Definition but for which an Inclusion Exception is approved, the Owner shall submit a proposed implementation plan to NSPI detailing the schedule for complying with any Reliability Standards applicable to the newly included Element. NSPI and Owner shall confer to agree upon such schedule.

8.2 Denial of Exception Request for Exclusion

In the case of an Element which is included in the BES based on application of the current BES Definition but was not included in the BES under the BES Definition in effect immediately prior to the current BES Definition, and for which an Exception Request for an Exclusion Exception was submitted no more than twelve (12) months after the current BES Definition became effective, but which Exception Request either is still pending or has been rejected or disapproved at the end of any applicable BES Definition implementation plan time period, the Owner shall submit a proposed implementation plan to NSPI detailing the schedule for complying with any Reliability Standards applicable to the newly included Element. NSPI and Owner shall confer to agree upon such schedule.

9.0 Termination of an Approved Exception

An Exception Request typically will be approved without a specified date of termination but will be subject to review to verify continuing justification for the Exception.

Submitting Entity(ies) shall notify NSPI within ninety (90) days after learning of any change of condition which would affect the basis stated by the NSUARB in its decision pursuant to section

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7.0 Approval or Disapproval of Exception Request. NSPI shall review such notification and determine whether to perform a substantive review (pursuant to section 5.2) to verify continuing justification for the Exception and to issue a Recommendation to the NSUARB.

If NSPI obtains information that indicates an Exception may no longer be warranted, NSPI shall perform a substantive review (pursuant to section 5.2) to verify continuing justification for the Exception. NSPI shall issue a written notice to the Submitting Entity and Owner, if different, that the Exception is under review for possible termination and allow the Submitting Entity and/or Owner, as applicable, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice to submit comments or information to NSPI to show that the Exception continues to be justified and should remain in effect. If the conclusion of the substantive review (pursuant to section 5.2) is that the Exception should be terminated, NSPI shall issue a Recommendation to the NSUARB. The NSUARB will review the Recommendation and accompanying materials provided by NSPI. If the NSUARB accepts NSPI's Recommendation it shall direct NSPI to send a written notice to the Submitting Entity and Owner, if different, stating that the Exception is terminated and the reasons for termination.

When an Element will be included in the BES as a result of the termination of an Exclusion Exception under this section, an implementation plan detailing the schedule for complying with any Reliability Standards applicable to the newly included Element will be developed in accordance with section 8.1 as if it were an Inclusion Exception.

Upon request by NSPI, the Submitting Entity(ies) and/or Owner if different shall provide within thirty (30) days the most recent versions of any Section III Required Information so requested.

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The undersigned Submitting Entity submits this BES Exception Request pursuant to the BES Exception Procedure.

Name of Submitting Entity: _____

By (name): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Deliver to:

5 Long Lake Drive,

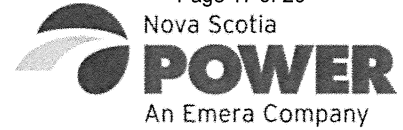
Halifax, NS

B3T 1N8

Attention: Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) Manager, NSPI

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| Section I | | |
| Required Information contained in Section I – suitable for public posting | | |
| i. Name and address of Submitting Entity | | |
| Submitting Entity: | | |
| Number, Street, Unit: | City/Town/RR: | |
| Prov/Country: | Postal Code: | |
| ii. Name of the Owner, if different than the Submitting Entity | | |
| Owner: | | |
| iii Inclusion or Exclusion Exception Request, check one | | Inclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Exclusion <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Exception Request submittal date: (DD/MM/YYYY): | | |
| iv: Original Exception Request or Amended Exception Request, check one | | Original <input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> |
| For an amended Exception Request, list the identification number(s) of the original Exception Request and any previous amendments | | |
| v. Is the Exception Request is being submitted in conjunction with Exception Requests by other Submitting Entities? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| If yes, list the names of the other Submitting Entities: | | |
| vi. The type(s) of Element(s) for which the Exception is being requested. | vii. Status, based on application of the BES Definition, of the Element(s) for which the Exception is being requested. | |
| Element(s) name or description (i.e. 1H-Water Street, L-6043 radial etc.) | Type (i.e. Transmission Substation, Transmission Network, Radial, Generator, Generator Facility, Generator Interconnection Facility, etc.) | Status: Identify one of the following Included under Core definition Not Included under Core definition, Included under Inclusion I1 Included under Inclusion I2 Included under Inclusion I3 Included under Inclusion I4 Included under Inclusion I5 Excluded under Exclusion E1 Excluded under Exclusion E2 Excluded under Exclusion E3 Excluded under Exclusion E4 |

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Section II, Part 1

Required Information contained in Section II will not be publicly posted or disclosed to third parties except for persons involved in reviewing the Exception Request

i. Identification and location(s) of Element(s) for which the Exception is being requested.

Element name (i.e.L-6025), Location (i.e. 99W to 50W):

ii. Technical Contact for Submitting Entity

| | |
|--------|--------|
| Name: | Title: |
| Phone: | Email: |

iii. Is the Submitting Entity the Owner? Yes No

If no, provide certification as an attachment to this Request, that the Submitting Entity conferred with the Owner regarding the reason for the requested Exception but could not reach an agreement regarding the submission of this Exception Request.

Attachment Name:

iv. Technical Contact for the Owner, if different than the Submitting Entity

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| To the extent known, | Name: |
| Email: | Phone: |
| Number, Street, Unit: | City/Town/RR: |
| Prov/Country: | Postal Code: |

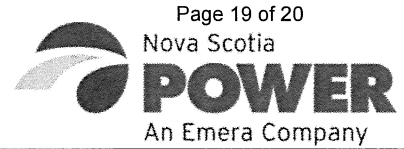
v. Notification to Applicable Registered Entities

Provide certification, as an attachment to this Request, that the Submitting Entity has sent any Registered Entity that has (or will have upon inclusion in the BES) the Elements covered by this Request within its Scope of Responsibility a copy of this Request.

Applicable Entity: Attachment Name:

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| Section II, Part 2 |
| Required Information contained in Section II will not be publicly posted or disclosed to third parties except for persons involved in reviewing the Exception Request |
| vi. Provide a statement, as an attachment to this Request, of the basis on which the Submitting Entity contends the Exception Request should be approved, and if the Submitting Entity is not the Owner, a statement of the basis of the Submitting Entity's reason for submitting this Exception Request. |
| Attachment Name(s): |
| vii. Provide a statement, as an attachment to this Request, signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Submitting Entity's senior management stating that the representative has read the Exception Request on behalf of the Submitting Entity and that the Submitting Entity believes Approval of the Exception Request is warranted. |
| Attachment Name: |

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Section III

Detailed Information to Support the Exception request. The Submitting Entity may designate all or part of Section III as Confidential Information. Include a statement identifying why each such item is Confidential Information.

Include Detailed Information as Attachments to this Request

Attachment Name(s) :

Security (Confidentiality) Restrictions:

The Submitting Entity may wish to consider the following aspects:

The adequacy and completeness of the data and studies needed to support an Exception Request for elements to be considered as necessary or unnecessary for the reliable operation of the interconnected transmission system.

Entities are required to supply the data needed to support their submittal.

A one-line breaker diagram identifying the facility for which the exception is requested must be supplied with every application. The diagram(s) supplied should also show the Protection Systems at the interface points associated with the Elements for which the exception is being requested.

Any studies provided should:

- Be based on an Interconnection-wide base case that is suitably complete and detailed to reflect the facility's electrical characteristics and system topology
- Clearly document all assumptions used
- Address key performance measures of BES reliability through steady-state power flow, and transient stability analysis as necessary to support the entity's application, consistent with the methodologies described in the Transmission Planning (TPL) standards and commensurate with the scope of the request



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| Substation Bus | PSS/e Bus | NS BES Exception Request | Bus Exclusions | Xfmrs | Inclusions | Gen | Inclusions | Shunt Devices | Inclusions / Exclusions | Transmission Lines | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | Line | to Sub | Exceptions |
| 1C-Point Tupper_138kV | 199052 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00001 | NS Ex | 1C-GT2 | I2a | 1C-G2 | I2a | - | - | L-6521 L-6523 | 46C_138kV 47C_138kV | E1 NS Ex |
| 1H-Water St._138kV | 199193 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00002 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6035 | 104H_138kV | NS Ex |
| 2H-Armdale_138kV | 199197 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00003 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2S-Victoria Junction_138kV | 199007 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00004 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6539 | 3S_138kV | NS Ex |
| 3S-Gannon Rd._138kV | 199025 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00005 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6538 L-6539 | 5S_138kV 2S_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 4C-Lochaber Road_138kV | 199076 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00006 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6552 | 93N_138kV | NS Ex |
| 5S-Glen Tosh_138kV | 199031 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00007 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6538 L-6545 L-6549 | 3S_138kV 85S_138kV 85S-138kV | NS Ex NS Ex NS Ex |
| 9C-Aberdeen_138kV | 199057 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00008 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6510 | L-6537 | E1 |
| 9W-Tusket T2_138kV | 199287 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00009 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6021 | 50W_138kV | NS Ex |
| 9W-Tusket T63_138kV | 199280 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00010 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6024 | 50W_138kV | NS Ex |
| 14H-Burnside GT_138kV | - | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00011 | I2a, I3 | 14H-GT1 14H-GT3 | I2a, I3 I2a, I3 | 14H-G1 14H-G2 14H-G3 14H-G4 | I2a, I3 I2a, I3 I2a, I3 I2a, I3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17V-St. Croix_138kV | 199300 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00012 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6012 | 43V_138kV | NS Ex |
| 22C-Cleveland from tap_138kV | 199063 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00013 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 22N Church Street from the tap_138kV | 199152 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00014 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6536 | L-6536 tap | E1 |
| 30N-Maccan_138kV | 199145 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00015 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6514 L-6551 | 74N_138kV 92N_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 30W-Souriquois_138kV | 199270 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00016 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6020 L-6021 | 50W_138kV 9W-T2_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 43V-Canaan Rd._138kV | 199340 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00017 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | 43V-C61 | I5 / NS Ex | L-6012 L-6013 L-6015 L-6054 | 17V_138kV 51V_138kV 51V_138kV 101V_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex NS Ex NS Ex |
| 47C-NewPage_138kV | 199053 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00019 | NS Ex | 47C-T68 | I2a | 48C-G1 | I2a | - | - | L-6523 | 1C_138kV | NS Ex |
| 50N-Trenton_138kV | 199090 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00021 | NS Ex | 50N-GT5 50N-GT6 | I2a I2a | 50N-G5 50N-G6 | I2a I2a | - | - | L-6503 L-6511 | 51N_138kV 93N_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 50W-Milton_138kV | 199245 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00022 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6006 L-6020 L-6024 L-6025 L-6047 L-6048 L-6531 | 99W_138kV 30W_138kV 9W-T63_138kV 99W_138kV 101W_138kV 101W_138kV 99W_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex NS Ex NS Ex NS Ex NS Ex NS Ex |
| 51N-Michelin Granton Tap_138kV | 199100 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00023 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6503 L-6503 | 50N_138kV 49N_138kV | NS Ex E1 |
| 51V-Tremont_138kV | 199345 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00024 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6013 L-6015 | 43V_138kV 43V_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |

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| Substation Bus | PSS/e Bus | NS BES Exception Request | Bus Exclusions | Xfmrs | Inclusions | Gen | Inclusions | Shunt Devices | Inclusions / Exclusions | Transmission Lines | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Line | to Sub | Exceptions |
| 59C-St. Peters from Tap_138kV | 199056 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00025 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6516 | L-6516 tap | E1 |
| 67C-Whycocomagh_138kV | 199058 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00026 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6510 | L-6537 tap | E1 |
| 74N-Springhill_138kV | 199135 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00027 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | 74N-C61 | I5 / NS Ex | L-6514 | 30N_138kV NB 410N | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 75W-Westhavers Elbow_138kV | 199217 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00029 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6002 | 99W_138kV | E1 |
| 81N-Debert_138kV | 199134 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00030 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6513 | L-6002 tap | E1 |
| 82V-Elmsdale_138kV | 199154 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00031 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 83S-Victoria Junction GT_69kV (Substation Inclusion - I3) | 199010 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00032 | - | 83S-GT1 83S-GT2 | I3 I3 | 83S-G1 83S-G2 | I3 I3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 85S-Wreck Cove Hydro_138kV (Substation Exclusion - NS Ex) | 199035 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00033 | NS Ex | 85S-GT1 85S-GT2 | I2a, I3 I2a, I3 | 85S-G1 85S-G2 | I2a, I3 I2a, I3 | - | - | L-6545 L-6549 | 5S_138kV 5S_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 87H-Musquodoboit Hbr_138kV | 199163 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00034 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6043 | 113H_138kV | E1 |
| 87W-Hubbards_138kV | 199210 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00035 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6002 | L-6002 tap | E1 |
| 89S-Pt. Aconi_230kV | 199044 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00036 | NS Ex | 89S-GT1 | I2a | 89S-G1 | I2a | - | - | - | - | - |
| 90H-Sackville_138kV | 199184 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00037 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6002 L-6003 L-6004 L-6009 | 75W_138kV 91H_138kV 101V_138kV 108H_138kV | E1 NS Ex NS Ex NS Ex |
| 91H-Tufts Cove_138kV | 199165 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00038 | NS Ex | 91H-GT3 91H-GT4 91H-GT5 91H-GT6 | I2a I2a I2a I2a | 91H-G3 91H-G4 91H-G5 91H-G6 | I2a I2a I2a I2a | - | - | L-6003 L-6007 L-6014 L-6040 L-6042 | 90H_138kV 108H_138kV 104H_138kV 113H_138kV 113H_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex NS Ex E1 E1 |
| 92H-Tidewater_138kV | 199204 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00039 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6002 | L-6002 tap | E1 |
| 92N-Amherst Wind Farm_138kV | 199530 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00040 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6535 L-6551 | NB 410N 30N_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 93N-Glen Dhu_138kV | 199610 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00041 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6511 L-6552 | 50N_138kV 4C_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 99V-Highbury_138kV | 199333 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00042 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6052 | 43V_138kV | E1 |
| 99W-Bridgewater_138kV | 199230 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00043 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | 99W-C61 | I5 / NS Ex | L-6002 L-6006 L-6025 L-6531 | 75W_138kV 50W_138kV 50W_138kV 50W_138kV | E1 NS Ex NS Ex NS Ex |
| 99W-Bridgewater_T71_230kV | 199241 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00044 | NS Ex | 99W-T71 | I1 / NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 99W-Bridgewater_T72_230kV | 199240 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00045 | NS Ex | 99W-T72 | I1 / NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 100C-Cape Porcupine_138kV | 199075 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00046 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6515 | L-6515 tap | E1 |
| 101H-Cobequid Rd_138kV | 199185 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00047 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6009 L-6009 | 108H_138kV 90H_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 101V-MacDonald Pond_138kV | 199500 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00048 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6004 L-6054 | 90H_138kV 43V_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 101W-Bowater Mersey Mill_138kV | 199277 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00049 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6047 L-6048 | 50W_138kV 50W_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 103W-Gold River_138kV | 199214 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00050 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6002 | L-6002 tap | E1 |

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|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Line | to Sub | Exceptions |
| 104H-Kempt Rd_138kV | 199198 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00051 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6014 L-6035 | 91H_138kV 1H_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 104S-Baddeck from tap_138kV | 199033 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00052 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6512 | L-6537 tap | E1 |
| 108H-Burnside_138kV | 199187 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00054 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6007 L-6009 | 91H_138kV 90H_138kV | NS Ex NS Ex |
| 110W-South Canoe Lake_138kV | 199501 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00055 | NS Ex | 110W-T62 | I4 / NS Ex | - | - | - | - | L-6053 | 101V_138kV | NS Ex |
| 113H-Dartmouth East_138kV | 199161 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00056 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6040 L-6042 L-6043 | 91H_138kV 91H-138kV 126H_138kV | E1 E1 E1 |
| 126H-Porters Lake_138kV | 199162 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00057 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6043 | L-6043 tap | E1 |
| 127H-Aerotech Park_138kV | 199156 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00058 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6050 | L-6001 | E1 |
| 129H-Kearney Lake_138kV | 199192 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00059 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6038 | 129H_138kV | NS In |
| 131H-Lucasville_138kV | 199203 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00060 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 137H-Hammonds Plains_138kV | 199208 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00061 | NS Ex | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 139H-Dartmouth Crossing_138kV | 199158 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00062 | E1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | L-6040 L-6040 | 91H_138kV 113H_138kV | E1 E1 |
| 87S-Lingan_230kV | 199000 | 2015-NPCC-NSPI-00063 | - | 87S-GT1 87S-GT2 87S-GT3 87S-GT4 | I2a I2a I2a I2a | 87S-G1 87S-G2 87S-G3 87S-G4 | I2a I2a I2a I2a | - | - | - | - | - |

* - The NS BES Exception Request list shows Transmission System Element Inclusions and Exclusions identified under the NERC BES Definition and the proposed NS BES Exception Procedure. The NERC BES Definition is applied first, followed by the proposed NS BES Exception Procedure.