

Matter No. M08350

In the Matter of an Application by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated for Approval
of its Annual Capital Expenditure Plan for 2018

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1 **I. Identification**

2 **Q: Mr. Chernick, please state your name, occupation, and business address.**

3 A: I am Paul L. Chernick. I am the president of Resource Insight, Inc., 5 Water
4 St., Arlington, Massachusetts.

5 **Q: Summarize your professional education and experience.**

6 A: I received an SB degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in
7 June 1974 from the Civil Engineering Department, and an SM degree from
8 the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in February 1978 in technology
9 and policy. I have been elected to membership in the civil engineering
10 honorary society Chi Epsilon, and the engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi,
11 and to associate membership in the research honorary society Sigma Xi.

12 I was a utility analyst for the Massachusetts Attorney General for more
13 than three years, and was involved in numerous aspects of utility rate design,
14 costing, load forecasting, and the evaluation of power supply options. Since
15 1981, I have been a consultant in utility regulation and planning, first as a
16 research associate at Analysis and Inference, after 1986 as president of PLC,
17 Inc., and in my current position at Resource Insight. In these capacities, I
18 have advised a variety of clients on utility matters.

19 A: My work has considered, among other things, the cost-effectiveness of pro-
20 spective new electric generation plants and transmission lines, retrospective
21 review of generation-planning decisions, ratemaking for plant under construc-
22 tion, ratemaking for excess and/or uneconomical plant entering service, con-
23 servation program design, cost recovery for utility efficiency programs, the
24 valuation of environmental externalities from energy production and use,
25 allocation of costs of service between rate classes and jurisdictions, design of

1 retail and wholesale rates, and performance-based ratemaking and cost
2 recovery in restructured gas and electric industries. My professional qualifi-
3 cations are further summarized in Exhibit PLC-1.

4 **Q: Have you testified previously in utility proceedings?**

5 A: Yes. I have testified more than 325 times on utility issues before various
6 regulatory, legislative, and judicial bodies, including utility regulators in
7 thirty-five states and six Canadian provinces, and two U.S. Federal agencies.
8 This testimony has included the review of many utility-proposed power
9 plants and purchased-power contracts.

10 **Q: Have you testified previously regarding utility investments?**

11 A: Yes. I have testified in numerous proceedings on generation, transmission
12 and other utility projects, as listed in my resume.

13 **Q: Have you previously testified before this Board?**

14 A: Yes. I testified in the Board's review of the following cases:

- 15 • Nova Scotia Power's Demand Side Management Plan for 2010 and
16 Demand Side Management Cost Recovery Rider in May 2009 (Matter
17 No. 01439)
- 18 • The proposed purchased-power agreement between Nova Scotia Power
19 Inc. and a biomass project to be constructed at the NewPage Port
20 Hawkesbury pulp and paper mill (Matter No. 01496)
- 21 • Nova Scotia Power's proposal to build the biomass project at NewPage
22 Port Hawkesbury (Matter No. 02961)
- 23 • Heritage Gas's 2010 rate case (Matter No. 03454)
- 24 • Nova Scotia Power's proposal to increase production depreciation rates
25 (Matter No. 03665)

- 1 • The Board’s review of proposed feed-in tariffs for certain distribution-
2 connected renewable projects (Matter No. 03632)
- 3 • The Nova Scotia Power 2012 General Rate Application (Matter No.
4 04104), with respect to cost allocation and rate design
- 5 • The Board’s review of proposed a proposed load-retention tariff and rate
6 (Matter No. 04175)
- 7 • The application of Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation’s Electricity
8 Demand-Side Management Plan for 2013–2015 (Matter No. 04819).
- 9 • The application of Nova Scotia Power and Pacific West Commercial
10 Corporation for a load-retention rate mechanism for the Port
11 Hawkesbury paper mill (Matter No. 04862)
- 12 • The Board’s review of Nova Scotia Power’s 2013 Annual Capital
13 Expenditure Plan (Matter No. 05339)
- 14 • The application of Nova Scotia Power for approval of the South Canoe
15 Wind Project (Matter No. 05416)
- 16 • The Board’s review of the Maritime Link proposal (Matter No. 05419).
- 17 • The Board’s review of Nova Scotia Power’s 2013 Cost of Service Study
18 (Matter No. 05473)
- 19 • The Board’s review of proposed feed-in tariffs for Development Tidal
20 Arrays (Matter No. 05092).
- 21 • Nova Scotia Power Annual Capital Expenditure Plan for 2015 (Matter
22 No. 06514).
- 23 • The Board’s review of the proposed 2016–2018 DSM Plan and energy-
24 efficiency supply agreement between EfficiencyOne and Nova Scotia
25 Power (M06733).
- 26 • The Renewable-to-Retail ratesetting proceeding (M06214)

- 1 • The Board's review of Nova Scotia Power's 2016 Annual Capital
- 2 Expenditure Plan (M07176)
- 3 • NS Power's application for interim Maritime Link cost recovery
- 4 (M07718)
- 5 • NS Power's Enterprise Resource Planning project (M07746)
- 6 • The Board's review of Nova Scotia Power's 2017 Annual Capital
- 7 Expenditure Plan (M07745)
- 8 • NS Power's Advanced Metering Infrastructure pilot project (M07767)
- 9 • The review of NS Power's 2017 load forecast (M08087)
- 10 • NS Power's Advanced Metering Infrastructure proposal (M08349)

11 I have also assisted the Consumer Advocate in preparing comments in
12 the Board's reviews of Nova Scotia Power's Nuttby, Digby, and Point Tupper
13 wind project proposals (Matters Nos. 02195, 02763 and 02983), Nova Scotia
14 Power's Renewable Energy Tax and Accounting Depreciation (Matter No.
15 03795), the Capital Expenditure Justification Criteria review (Matter No.
16 04600), the Renewable RFP (Matter No. 04838), the 2014 NS Power
17 Integrated Resource Plan (Matter No. 05522), Port Hawkesbury Paper Load
18 Retention Tariff Report (Matter No. 05803), cases related to the NS Power
19 transmission required to support exports to New Brunswick following
20 operation of the Maritime Link (Matter Nos. 06525 and 06660), the
21 renewable-to-retail rulemaking process (Matter No. 06214), the stakeholder
22 process on NS Power's 2014 cost allocation update (Matter No. 06555), the
23 DSM Advisory Group and other matters.

1 **II. Introduction and Summary**

2 **Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?**

3 A: My testimony is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate.

4 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

5 A: I review aspects of the analysis used and presented by Nova Scotia Power
6 (“NS Power” or “NSPI”) in its Annual Capital Expenditure Plan (“ACE
7 Plan”) for 2018. Specifically, my testimony is limited to review of NS
8 Power’s ACE 2018 request for funding; NS Power’s compliance with the
9 Board’s Order in ACE 2017 (M07176) related to ACE 2018 and some
10 specific concerns regarding future level of spending for hydro related
11 projects.

12 **Q: Can you briefly describe what NS Power is requesting in the present
13 proceeding?**

14 A: NSP has proposed a capital budget of \$355 million for 2018, of which \$204
15 million is capital spending. (Application at 16). The ACE 2018 filing
16 proposes a decrease of \$40 million from levels approved for ACE 2017.

17 **Table 1: ACE 2018 Summary (\$M)**

	Total	Distribution	General	Generation	Transmission
Carryover	\$119.8	\$41.4	\$11.3	\$29.1	\$38.0
Less than \$250K	\$17.9	\$1.2	\$1.9	\$14.5	\$0.2
Pending Submission	\$0.9		\$0.1	\$0.8	
Request Approval	\$92.0	\$17.0	\$0.6	\$48.4	\$26.0
Pt. Aconi	\$10.6		\$0.1	\$10.5	
Routine Spending	\$83.9	\$47.7	\$20.1	\$4.6	\$11.5
Subsequent Submittal 2018	\$29.8	\$0.8	\$20.5	\$8.5	
TOTAL	\$344.3	\$108.1	\$54.5	\$105.9	\$75.7

Source: Application, Appendix B

18 **Q: For the ACE 2018 carryover category what projects represent the bulk
19 of spending?**

1 A: The largest portions of the carryover category are \$28 million in distribution
2 for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure project (CI 47124) currently under
3 review in Matter No. M08349; \$9.4 million for IT and tele-communications
4 replacements in general plant; and \$20 million for hydro upgrades and
5 refurbishments, including \$10 million for the replacement and refurbishment
6 of the Tusket main dam (which is awaiting approval from the Board in
7 M008349).

8 **Q: What are the primary projects proposed in the \$92 million of new capital
9 for which NS Power is requesting approval?**

10 A: This spending is dominated by upgrades to the distribution network,
11 investments in hydro facilities, general maintenance due to aging or
12 deteriorated assets, and investment in IT projects such as web portal
13 development and group billing. In the generation category, almost half (\$26.4
14 million) of the request is for hydro refurbishments, including \$10.9 million
15 for Wreck Cove.

16 **Q: Of the roughly \$18 million that NS Power has requested for projects
17 under \$250,000, is spending equally distributed across all functional
18 categories?**

19 A: The bulk of the small projects are generation related, totaling \$14.5 million,
20 with \$13 million of that for thermal plants.

21 **Q: Do you have any comments regarding NS Power's proposed projects for
22 subsequent filings in 2018?**

23 A: NS Power has projected \$29.8 million in 2018 spending for projects in
24 subsequent filings, with total estimated costs of \$152 million. The largest
25 portion of subsequent filing requests are related to information technology
26 and customer-experience improvements, totaling \$20 million, including

1 \$14.5 million for work and asset management investment. Phase-one of the
2 Mersey System Redevelopment is included, with a planned request of \$1.2
3 million for 2018 with a project total of \$83.5 million.

4 **Q: Does the 2018 ACE plan address any issues carried over from the 2017**
5 **ACE Plan?**

6 A: Yes. The board directed NS Power to work with interested stakeholders
7 including consumer Advocate (“CA”) and the Small Business Advocate
8 (“SBA”) to resolve reporting requirements and IT investment planning and
9 continued modification to the reporting of depreciation by removing
10 depreciation of new investments in the depreciation cash-flow offset. NS
11 Power provided that comparison as part of the Revenue Requirement detail
12 provided in Appendix D).

13 **Q: Please summarize your conclusions:**

14 A: My conclusions are as follows:

- 15 • NS Power should improve its reporting methodology for the multiple
16 projects that appear be related to the proposed deployment of Advanced
17 Metering Infrastructure (AMI).
- 18 • Unless NS Power can justify continuing and increased meter purchases in
19 2018, that line item should be reduced as far as possible, in the event that
20 NS Power gets approval to change out its meters for AMI starting in
21 2019.
- 22 • The cost of replacement energy used in the economic evaluations of the
23 hydro projects should reflect the mix of renewable and non-renewable
24 energy that could replace them.
- 25 • For each life extension or rehabilitation of a major hydro facility or river
26 system, the Board should review the projected expenditures in a
27 comprehensive manner, rather than as piecemeal projects. This process

1 would apply to the subsequent submittal for the Mersey system later this
2 year and the 2019 ACE consideration of the Wreck Cover life extension.

3 **III. Investments Related to Advanced Metering Infrastructure**

4 **Q: Please brief explain the scope and status of the Advanced Metering**
5 **Infrastructure proposal in Matter M08349 and how AMI is included in**
6 **the ACE 2018?**

7 A: NS Power requested approval from the Board for a total budget of \$133.2
8 million to deploy AMI (M08349, Application at 6). NS Power proposes the
9 full deployment will include replacement of 480,000 existing meters to
10 advanced meters; installation of a meter data management (MDM) system,
11 installation of communication infrastructure, improved line sensing
12 capabilities that will improve load balancing capabilities; and, development
13 of a customer web portal that will enable customers to access their granular
14 usage data. ACE 2018 includes \$10 million for AMI, listed as a carryover
15 cost.

16 **Q: Are there specific projects in the ACE filing that appear to be linked to**
17 **the AMI project and should be evaluated in light of the filing in Matter**
18 **M08349?**

19 A: Yes. I have identified the following capital items that I appear to be affected
20 by or related to the AMI deployment:

- 21 • CI 2130, the ADMS distribution fault location system.
- 22 • CI 26496, routine meter replacement.
- 23 • CI 50112, an additional customer web portal.

24 **Q: What is the purpose of the ADMS distribution fault location project?**

1 A: NS Power says that this system would assist it in determining the location of
2 faults on its distribution network. (CA IR-15).

3 **Q: How does this this project interact with the AMI proposal?**

4 A: The AMI filing discusses the need for an ADMS to support the AMI and
5 achieve the service-restoration and cost-reduction benefits claimed in the
6 AMI filing. The ADMS is apparently a software platform that would take
7 information from the AMI meters to locate the location of an outage and
8 communicate that information to NS Power's outage map.

9 The NS Power Outage Map displays planned and unplanned power
10 interruptions that affect customers. The Outage Map receives outage
11 information from the Advanced Distribution Management System
12 (ADMS). The ADMS software platform provides system operators with
13 analytical tools to manage and optimize the performance of the power
14 distribution system. The ADMS also supports system operators at all
15 stages of the outage life cycle in restoring power to customers. The AMI
16 Project will integrate power status messages (outage and restoration)
17 from the meters as additional data points for outage management
18 processes which will enhance the predictive capabilities of service
19 outage and restoration times. (AMI Application at 58–59)

20 On discovery in this proceeding, NS Power provides the following
21 confusing response:

22 The ADMS Distribution Fault Location solution will use functionality
23 available in the ADMS system with data available from the NS Power
24 GIS system to enable NS Power to better predict the location of faults on
25 the distribution network. The ADMS Distribution Fault Location project
26 provides no benefit to the AMI project and serves a different purpose.
27 (CA IR-15)

28 So either the ADMS is vital to using the AMI data effectively, or it has
29 nothing to do with the AMI project, depending on which NS Power
30 document one relies on.

31 **Q: How should the Board deal with this issue?**

1 A: The Board should require that NS Power resolve this contradiction before
2 approving the ADMS spending, and should require that NS Power include
3 the ADMS costs in the evaluation of the AMI project.

4 **Q: What is your issue with the routine meter replacement budget?**

5 A: NS Power has proposed to replace nearly all of its meters with AMI meters.
6 If that proposal is approved, NS Power should be minimizing its purchases
7 and replacements of the existing meters. Yet NS Power is proposing to spend
8 more on routine meter replacements in 2018 than it did in ACE 2017. This
9 increase results from the scheduling of an additional 4,000 meter purchases
10 forecast for 2018. (CA IR-16). Increasing meter replacements prior to the
11 AMI deployment will increase risks to customers of stranded assets.

12 NS Power promises to increase the number of meters replaced with
13 refurbished ones (which should be readily available if even a pilot AMI
14 program is implemented), “purchase new meters where refurbishment is not
15 possible, and “engage Measurement Canada to examine whether conditional
16 temporary permission may be granted to use in-service electricity meters
17 without the requirement for reverification in 2019 and beyond, when AMI
18 meter deployment is project to occur.”¹ (CA IR-32) In light of those plans,
19 NS Power’s proposal to increase (rather than decrease) purchases of
20 conventional meters remains unexplained.

21 **Q: What is your concern about the spending on the customer web portal?**

22 A: The scope of the AMI project includes development of a customer web portal
23 to access usage information and other functions enabled by AMI. NS Power
24 has not specified why another customer web portal is required or how it will

¹ The last point appears to refer to an operating cost, rather than a capital item.

1 differ from the AMI web portal. NS Power claims the “scope of work
2 anticipated in the AMI project...will be to develop AMI-specific
3 functionality and does not overlap with” the 2018 ACE web portal (CA IR-
4 21).

5 [The ACE 2018] Customer Experience Consolidated Customer Web
6 Portal provides enhancements in the functionality and information
7 available to customers within NS Power’s web portal, known as
8 MyAccount. This project will allow information within the MyAccount
9 portal to be accessible on customer devices, such as laptops, tablets and
10 smartphones and will provide a new online interface for customers to
11 facilitate the processing of service requests.

12 The web portal capabilities proposed in the AMI project...will provide
13 AMI generated information, such as hourly interval data, visual
14 representation of hourly usage information, and usage alerts to
15 customers through their existing My-Account web portal whenever
16 possible. ... it is NS Power’s intent to integrate AMI information into
17 NS Power’s existing web portal to present a consistent and seamless
18 customer experience. (CA IR-35)

19 The NS Power response indicates that the ACE web portal work would
20 provide customer access from laptops, tablets and smartphones, which would
21 be important for the AMI portal. Furthermore, the enhanced web portal
22 implemented under ACE 2018 would use and provide the same data from the
23 AMI system as the AMI portal. All of these considerations (in addition to
24 considerations of compatibility, simplicity and security) would argue for
25 implementing all these features in a single web portal. Yet NS Power
26 concludes that “For clarity, the scope of work anticipated in AMI project CI
27 47124 will be to develop AMI specific functionality and does not overlap
28 with [ACE 2018] CI 50112.” (CA IR-35)

29 **Q: How should this situation be resolved?**

30 A: In this proceeding, NS Power should explain why it needs two similar and
31 overlapping web portals. More generally, the confusion over this item raises

1 questions regarding the extent to which NS Power has structured the AMI
2 project to efficiently integrate with, and use the capabilities of, its expensive
3 information-technology program, rather than develop duplicative and
4 potentially incompatible systems.

5 **Q: As part of the ACE 2017 Settlement, the Board directed NS Power to**
6 **meet with stakeholders to discuss the IT strategy, in your opinion what is**
7 **the status of progress on this direct?**

8 A: NS Power did meet with stakeholders and provided additional clarification to IT
9 planning. A revised CEJC was filed in M08278, and approved by the Board Oct 24,
10 2017. The CEJC revisions do help manage the choice of undertaking a technology
11 investment but does do not reflect potential overlap with the proposed AMI
12 solution.

13 **Q: What do you recommend to improve the coordination between the AMI**
14 **deployment plan and ongoing investments to modernize NS Power's**
15 **grid?**

16 A: In the 2017 ACE Decision, the Board notes:

17 As with any project, the keys to successful execution are well defined
18 objectives, project management, knowledgeable staff and a supplier who
19 fully understands the deliverables and culture of the company. For
20 something as complex as IT, the need for all of these element is more
21 pronounced. (M07745 Decision, p. 24).

22 The Board states in the Findings:

23 The Board considers it is essential that NSPI demonstrate solid project
24 justification and a thorough analysis of the effect on, and mitigation of,
25 and interdependence of, all affected processes and personnel (M07745
26 Decision, p. 27).

27 The documentation and of the interdependence of all affected processes
28 on grid modernization has not occurred. This information is required for

1 outside vendors providing such advanced system solutions. Given the
2 complexity of the AMI project, NS Power would be well-served by a clear
3 explanation of the interactions between AMI and other projects.

4 In this proceeding, NS Power provided a table indicating which IT
5 investments support, or are required for, other IT investments (CA IR-39).²
6 As one part of NS Power's explanation of the interactions of AMI-related
7 projects and assets, a similar graphic could be useful. Among other things,
8 that display might be helpful in informing and coordinating NS Power's
9 bidders, consultants and contractors, to avoid redundancies and conflicts.

10 **IV. Hydro Investment**

11 **Q: How substantial is NS Power's forecast spending on its hydroelectric**
12 **generation plants?**

13 A: In the current proceeding, NS Power has submitted information on a series of
14 specific hydro projects. Appendix B shows total spending for hydro related
15 projects in 2018 of \$52 million, along with \$93 million in later spending on
16 the 2018 projects. Table 2 provides NS Power's five-year forecast of hydro
17 investments (Application Figure 4, at 20), which total about \$280 million.

18 **Table 2: Five-Year Hydro Capital Investment Forecast**

Year	(\$M)
2018	\$1.2
2019	\$43.2
2020	\$69.0
2021	\$71.5
2022	\$94.5

² Unfortunately, it is not always clear which direction the support or requirement flows.

1 **Q. Do you have concerns about the justification for any of the hydro**
2 **projects for which NS Power has requested approval in this proceeding?**

3 A: Yes. I am concerned with inadequate explanation in the following areas:

- 4 • Integrated planning and evaluation for major hydro redevelopment and life-
5 extension programs, particularly the Mersey System Hydro Redevelopment
6 project and the Life Extension Management plan for the Wreck Cove hydro
7 system , but also the projects at the Lequille head pond and Tidewater.
- 8 • NS Power's determination that the Lequille head-pond project is required
9 by weather risks and/or to meet the Canadian Dam Association (CDA)
10 safety requirements.
- 11 • The extrapolation of costs at a similar facility to the refurbishment of the
12 powerhouse at Tidewater project.

13 **Q. What are your concerns regarding future spending for the Mersey**
14 **system and Wreck Cove?**

15 A: I am concerned that the lack of a comprehensive approach to planning can
16 result in poor decisions on these large projects. NS Power forecast of
17 spending on renewable generation through 2022 is dominated by Mersey and
18 Wreck Cove (UARB IR-9). The Mersey Hydro system is 11% of NS Power's
19 hydro generation capacity, while Wreck Cove is 56%.

20 **Q: What factors require an integrated analysis of the Mersey System**
21 **redevelopment?**

22 A: The Mersey system is a complex system with multiple generators, dams,
23 spillways, and headponds. The total estimated spending for just Phase 1 of
24 the Mersey redevelopment (including the replacement of the Big Falls
25 powerhouse and the Lower Great Brook dam) is \$84 million (Application
26 Appendix B; UARB IR-80). NS Power expects total spending for the Mersey

1 redevelopment project to be \$500 million to \$600 million over the next ten or
2 twelve years, including the replacement of 12 generation units and six
3 powerhouses, refurbishment of dams and water retaining structures,
4 spillways, sluiceways and five switchyards. (Application at 35). Rebuilding
5 one dam may affect downstream facilities and require additional upstream
6 An economic analysis of a particular dam reconstruction may indicate that
7 the project is cost-justified, but if that dam changes the requirements for
8 downstream facilities, or if it requires reconstruction of an upstream
9 structure, the total costs may be less than the value. A piecemeal approach to
10 planning integrated hydro systems can result in the wrong decisions for
11 ratepayers.

12 **Q: What recommendations do you have for the Mersey request?**

13 A. When NS Power files for approval of the redevelopment, beyond the
14 planning phase, it should provide a full evaluation for the entire dam system,
15 demonstrating that no investments requested in Phase 1, or benefits claimed
16 from Phase 1, will require any projects that are not included in the Phase 1
17 economic analysis.

18 **Q: What is the status of the Wreck Cove life extension?**

19 A: NS Power expects to request approval of \$91 million through 2022 for the
20 Wreck Cove life extension in ACE 2019, although it is currently spending
21 substantial sums on life-extending projects, such as rock bolting. While
22 preserving Wreck Cove is probably cost-effective, NS Power should present
23 all the costs and benefits of the life extension in a single economic analysis.

24 **Q. What additional concerns do you have regarding NS Power's planned**
25 **hydro investments for Lequille head pond ?**

1 A. NS Power is requesting an estimated \$4 million for the Lequille head pond
2 (CI 48533) project. The requested spending to build a spillway and raise the
3 headway dam crest to meet NS Power’s interpretation of the Canadian Dam
4 Association (CDA) minimum freeboard requirements. NS Power completed
5 a flood routing analysis for this facility (UARB IR-38), but does not provide
6 details explaining what risk level was applied in this assessment. Specifically,
7 it is not clear whether the computations were performed for a 1-in-100 year
8 event or some more stringent value (NSUARB IR-58).

9 The Board should not approve this project until NS Power clarifies and
10 justifies its planning criteria for Lequille, and hydro facilities more generally.

11 **Q. What are your specific concerns regarding NS Power’s request for \$1.2**
12 **million to refurbish the Tidewater facility ?**

13 A. The Tidewater cost estimate for upgrades to the existing powerhouse
14 (improved ventilation, removal of lead paint and sealing of water leaks) is
15 not complete. NS Power based its estimate of this project on the estimated
16 costs to rehabilitate the Ruth Falls powerhouse. (SBA IR-6) It is possible that
17 the scope of work and the costs to rehabilitate these two facilities may be
18 close; but this information is not available. NS Power should complete a
19 detailed cost analysis specific to the Tidewater facility and file a request for
20 the capital spending amount in a subsequent 2018 filing or in the ACE 2019
21 plan..

22 **Q. Are you aware if NS Power has a coordinated planning approach to**
23 **address its aging hydro assets?**

24 A: NS Power acknowledges that it does not have a coordinated plan for its
25 hydro assets (CA IR-9). In the settlement in NS Power’s 2010 Depreciation
26 Rates application, NS Power committed to complete “a comprehensive study

1 of the Company's hydro assets to assess future retirement and
2 decommissioning obligations, reinvestment and repowering opportunities..."
3 (M03665 Order, Appendix A, Item 4) NS Power acknowledges the study
4 requirement, but has not completed a full assessment of its hydro systems
5 and structures (CA IR-8).

6 **V. Hydro Replacement Energy Costs**

7 **Q: What issues do you have with NS Power's replacement energy cost**
8 **computation for hydro projects?**

9 A: In the Economic Analysis Model (EAM) computations for most hydro
10 projects, NS Power assumes that any lost energy due to retirement would be
11 100% renewable energy from biomass generation, probably representing
12 increased operation of Port Hawkesbury. That price is roughly twice as high
13 as the replacement energy from fossil generation.

14 **Q: Is it reasonable to assume that all lost hydro generation will be replaced**
15 **by biomass?**

16 A: No. As I understand the situation, NS Power is expecting to be somewhat
17 short of its Renewable Energy Standard requirements for 2020, but to have a
18 substantial surplus both before and after that year. While retiring or derating
19 of a hydro facility may require some additional renewable supply in 2020,
20 the replacement energy before and after 2020 can be fossil. In the longer
21 term, the cost of renewables (especially wind) will probably well below the
22 price of biomass.

23 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

24 A: Yes.

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Cost of Seabrook nuclear power plants, including construction cost and duration, capacity factor, O&M, capital additions, insurance and decommissioning.

26. **Mass. DPU 1509**, Boston Edison plant performance standards; Massachusetts Attorney General. July 15 1983.

Critique of company approach and statistical analysis; regression model of nuclear capacity factor; proposals for standards and for standard-setting methodologies.

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Profit margin calculations, including methodology, interest rates.

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Cost of completing and operating Seabrook nuclear units. Probability of completing Seabrook 2. Recommendations regarding FG&E and MDPU actions with respect to Seabrook.

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Review of proposed performance targets for two existing and two new nuclear power plants. Formulation of alternative policy.

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Profit-margin calculations, including methodology and implementation.

- 40. Mass. DPU 84-152**, Seabrook Unit 1 investigation; Massachusetts Attorney General. December 12 1984.

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Prudence of Maine utilities and Public Service of New Hampshire in decisions regarding Seabrook 2 construction: decisions to participate and to increase ownership share, the utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, failure to question PSNH's decisions, and the utilities' delay in halting construction and canceling the unit. Review of literature, cost and schedule estimate histories, cost-benefit analyses, and financial feasibility.

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Construction schedule and cost of completing Millstone Unit 3.

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Institutional and technological advantages of Qualifying Facilities. Potential for QF development. Goals of QF rate design. Parity with other power sources. Security requirements. Projecting avoided costs. Capacity credits. Pricing options. Line loss corrections.

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Calculation on return on investment for municipal utility. Treatment of depreciation and debt for ratemaking. Geographical discrimination in street-lighting rates. Relative size of voluntary payments to Reading and other towns. Surplus and disinvestment. Revenue allocation.

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Profit margin calculations, including methodology, implementation, modeling of investment balances, income, and return to shareholders.

- 48. N.M. PSC 1833, Phase II**; El Paso Electric rate case; New Mexico Attorney General. December 23 1985.

Nuclear decommissioning fund design. Internal and external funds; risk and return; fund accumulation, recommendations. Interim performance standard for Palo Verde nuclear plant.

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- 50. Mass. DPU 85-270**; Western Massachusetts Electric rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. March 19 1986.

Prudence of Northeast Utilities in generation planning related to Millstone 3 construction: decisions to start and continue construction, failure to reduce ownership share, failure to pursue alternatives. Review of industry literature, cost and schedule histories, and retrospective cost-benefit analyses.

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Recommendations for power-plant performance standards for Palo Verde nuclear units 1, 2, and 3.

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History and economics of steam system; possible motives of Boston Edison in seeking sale; problems facing Boston Thermal; information and assurances required prior to Commission approval of transfer.

- 56. Mass. Division of Insurance**, hearing to fix and establish 1987 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau. December 1986 and January 1987.

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Marginal cost rate design issues. Superiority of long-run marginal cost over short-run marginal cost as basis for rate design. Relationship of Consumer reaction, utility planning process, and regulatory structure to rate design approach. Implementation of short-run and long-run rate designs. Demand versus energy charges, economic development rates, spot pricing.

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Profit-margin calculations including updating of data, compliance with Commissioner's order, treatment of surplus and risk, interest rate calculation, and investment tax rate calculation.

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Estimation of avoided costs of Western Massachusetts Electric Company. Nuclear capacity factor projections and effects on avoided costs. Avoided cost of energy interchange and power plant life extensions. Differences between median and expected oil prices. Salvage value of cogeneration facility. Off-system energy purchase projections. Reconciliation of avoided cost projection.

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Estimation of annual avoidable costs, 1988 to 2005, and levelized avoided costs. Determination of cost recovery and carrying costs for conservation investments. Standards for assessing conservation cost-effectiveness. Evaluation of cost-effectiveness of utility funding of proposed natural gas conservation measures.

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Projection of capacity factors, operating and maintenance expense, capital additions, overhead, replacement power costs, and net costs of Vermont Yankee.

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Review of study supporting proposed increase in towing rates. Critique of study sample and methodology. Comparison to competitive rates. Supply of towing services. Effects of joint products and joint sales on profitability of police-ordered towing. Joint testimony with I. Goodman.

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Critique of Division of Energy Resources report on externalities. Methodology for evaluating external costs. Proposed values for environmental and economic externalities of fuel supply and use.

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ACRONYMS AND INITIALISMS

APS	Alleghany Power System	LRAM	Lost-Revenue-Adjustment Mechanism
ASLB	Atomic Safety and Licensing Board	NARUC	National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
BEP	Board of Environmental Protection	NEPOOL	New England Power Pool
BPU	Board of Public Utilities	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
BRC	Board of Regulatory Commissioners	OCA	Office of Consumer Advocate
CC	Corporation Commission	PSB	Public Service Board
CMP	Central Maine Power	PBR	Performance-based Regulation
DER	Department of Environmental Regulation	PSC	Public Service Commission
DPS	Department of Public Service	PUC	Public Utility Commission
DQE	Duquesne Light	PUB	Public Utilities Board
DPUC	Department of Public Utilities Control	PURA	Public Utility Regulatory Authority
DSM	Demand-Side Management	PURPA	Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act
DTE	Department of Telecommunications and Energy	SCC	State Corporation Commission
EAB	Environmental Assessment Board	UARB	Utility and Review Board
EFSB	Energy Facilities Siting Board	USAEE	U.S. Association of Energy Economists
EFSC	Energy Facilities Siting Council	UC	Utilities Commission
EUB	Energy and Utilities Board	URC	Utility Regulatory Commission
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	UTC	Utilities and Transportation Commission
ISO	Independent System Operator		