

DEFEATED
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Bill # 212
Public Utilities Act (amended)

CHANGES RECOMMENDED TO THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

PAGE 1 - add after Clause 1 the following Clause:

2 Chapter 380 is further amended by adding immediately after Section 34A the following Section:

34B (1) In this Section,

- (a) “Emera” means Emera Incorporated;
- (b) “leader of a recognized party” means a leader of a recognized party as defined in the *House of Assembly Act*;
- (c) “Task Force” means the Task Force appointed under this Section.

(2) The Governor in Council, after consultation with each leader of a recognized party, the Chair of the Board and Emera, shall appoint by June 30, 2023, a Task Force composed of up to six members to study bringing Nova Scotia Power back into public ownership.

(3) The Task Force shall

- (a) consider the terms of the 1992 privatization and determine whether an appropriate financial arrangement was made at the time;
- (b) examine advantages and disadvantages of bringing back into public ownership the whole or any parts of Nova Scotia Power;
- (c) advise on what financial models would be appropriate to bring back into public ownership the whole or any parts of Nova Scotia Power, including an appropriate price to be paid for shares or assets;
- (d) bear in mind, in all of its work, current public policy regarding sustainability and climate change;
- (e) include consideration of the appropriate model of ownership of the municipal electricity utilities and taxation arrangements of Nova Scotia Power so far as they affect all municipalities; and
- (f) include consideration of possible future development of electricity generation through renewables, including offshore wind and wave energy, and tidal power.

(4) The Task Force shall hold public hearings.

(5) Nova Scotia Power Incorporated and Emera shall co-operate fully with the Task Force, and make available to it all documents and the testimony of any employee or officer required by it.

(6) The Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor in Council by March 15, 2024.

(7) The Premier or another member of the Executive Council shall table the report in the House of Assembly within 15 days of its receipt by the Governor in Council or, where the House is not then sitting, file it with the Clerk of the House.

Renumber accordingly.
