

## Statement on behalf of Nova Scotia Power

September 9, 2024

We see the introduction of Bill 455 as a very positive step to further support and coordinate the efforts of all of us who work together to protect and provide services to Nova Scotians in extreme events.

A strong relationship with our emergency response partners and government is critical to ensuring a coordinated, aligned response during storms and other emergencies. With a long standing and strong relationship with our partners at the Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office, the introduction of a Nova Scotia Guard and integration of regional EMOs across the province would enhance this critical emergency work and strengthen our ability to respond safely and as quickly as possible for communities and our customers during emergencies.

It's Nova Scotia Power's responsibility to provide safe, reliable power and the best possible experience for our customers. We welcome all efforts and initiatives that enable us to improve our coordination with government, our emergency response partners, and communities across the province.