

Bill #97
Fairer Power Rates Act

CHANGES RECOMMENDED TO THE
LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE

PAGE 2, Clause 4,

- (a) **line 2** - delete "Section" and substitute "Sections"; and
- (b) add after proposed Section 64B the following Sections:

64C (1) Upon Nova Scotia Power Incorporated making an application for a general rate increase and before the hearing of the application, Nova Scotia Power Incorporated shall hold a public meeting on the proposed general rate increase.

(2) A public meeting shall be held pursuant to subsection (1) no later than thirty days before the scheduled date for the hearing of the application for a general rate increase.

(3) Notice of the time and location of a public meeting held pursuant to subsection (1) shall be published by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated

(a) in one or more newspapers having general circulation in the Province; and

(b) on the website of Nova Scotia Power Incorporated, at least five days before the public meeting is to be held.

64D (1) Where a settlement agreement is entered into between the parties to an application by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated for a general rate increase before the hearing of the application, the settlement agreement shall

(a) be published forthwith on the website of Nova Scotia Power Incorporated.; and

(b) be made available for discussion at a public meeting held pursuant to subsection (1) of Section 64C, if the settlement agreement is entered into before the public meeting is held.

(2) Where a settlement agreement has not been entered into between the parties to an application by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated for a general rate increase before the holding of a public meeting pursuant to subsection (1) of Section 64C, the parties may participate in negotiations at the public meeting to achieve a settlement agreement, and any member of the public present at the public meeting may observe the negotiations.

64E Nova Scotia Power Incorporated shall not recover from any rate, charge or fee approved by the Board any cost incurred in connection with an application for a general rate increase.