

REQUESTOR NAME	VECC
INFORMATION REQUEST ROUND:	# 1
TO:	Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Limited
DATE:	October 3, 2025
CASE NO:	EB-2025-0021
APPLICATION NAME	2026 IRM Application – Z-Factor

VECC-1

Ref: Manager's Summary p.21

The outages impacted 26% of NT Power's customer base. NT Power was granted a 10-year deferred rebasing maintaining two separate rate zones, Newmarket-Tay rate zone ("NTRZ") and Midland rate zone ("MRZ") until rates are rebased. NT Power expects to rebase its rates for 2028. NT Power experienced a severe ice storm in both the NTRZ and MRZ areas.

- a) Please provide the percentage and number of customers impacted by rate zone.
- b) Please provide a map showing the areas impacted by rate zone.

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Ref: Manager's Summary p.21

NT Power incurred \$157,250 of OM&A and \$47,363 in capital costs. NT Power is not requesting recovery for the capital-related costs of the ice storm.

- a) Please provide the amount budgeted in 2025 for reactive OM&A and the amount spent to date in 2025. In the response, please provide details on the 2025 spending to date.
- b) Please provide the amount in base rates related to reactive OM&A.
- c) Please explain why NT Power is not requesting recovery of the capital-related costs.

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Ref: Manager's Summary p.22

Table 3 provides a breakdown of the Z-factor claim amount.

- a) Please provide the breakdown of the Z-factor costs by rate zone in the same format as Table 3.
- b) Please confirm Regular Hours are not included in the Z-factor claim.
- c) Please discuss how NT Power has adhered to its OT Policy.

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Ref: Manager's Summary p.22

NT Power maintains a proactive vegetation management program, including routine tree trimming to ensure compliance with overhead clearance requirements.

- a) Please describe NT Power's Vegetation Management strategy and in the response include NT Power's tree trimming cycle and a map showing the trimming zones.
- b) Please provide the Vegetation Management budget approved in rates.
- c) Please complete the following Table:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Planned Trimming Zones						
Actual Trimming Zones						
Vegetation Management Budget \$						
Vegetation Management Actuals \$						

- d) Please explain any variances in planned vegetation management activities and spending by year.

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Ref: Manager's Summary p.23

NT Power escalated each of the revenue requirements by its approved annual rate increase (i.e. inflation factor less X-factor) for each rate zone. The consolidated revenue requirement escalated to 2026 is \$26,011,156, and the corresponding materiality threshold is \$130,056.

Please provide the calculation of the consolidated revenue requirement of \$26,011,156.

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Please discuss any lessons learned following the March 2025 ice storm and any planned adjustments/updates to NT Power's Storm Emergency Response Plan.

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- a) Please provide the number of interruptions, number of customer interruptions and number of customer interruption minutes by Cause Code for each of the years 2020 to 2025.
- b) Please discuss the trend in Tree Contact interruptions.
- c) Please provide a summary of NT Power's historical Z-factor applications related to storm events and in the response include the requested amount compared to the OEB approved amount.
- d) Please discuss NT Power's historical investments in resilient infrastructure.

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Please provide the following:

- a) RRR Filing: Major Event Report: March 2025 Ice Storm
- b) NT Power OEB Notification: Z Factor Application (notice that NT Power intends to

submit a Z-Factor application related to the severe ice storm that occurred beginning March 29, 2025)

c) Z-factor Bill Impacts.

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Ref: Manager's Summary p.24

NT Power proposes to allocate the Z-factor claim to rate classes proportionate to the last consolidated approved distribution revenues for both rate zones. NT Power proposes to recover Z-factor amounts via a 12-month fixed rate rider calculated based on the 2024 customer numbers reported to the OEB in its Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements (RRR). NT Power notes that this approach is consistent with that approved by the OEB in other Z-factor decisions (EB-2022-0317; EB-2023-0009).

VECC notes that in Elexicon's Z-factor application (EB-2022-0317 p.14) Elexicon proposed to recover the Z-Factor costs for each of the rate zones separately.

Please explain why NT Power is not proposing to recover the Z-Factor costs for each of the rate zones separately.

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