

Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board Annual Report - *Public Interest Disclosure of Wrongdoing Act* For the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2025

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## **Annual Report**

Section 18 of the *Public Interest Disclosure of Wrongdoing Act* provides:

18 Each deputy head shall prepare an annual report of disclosures, including any findings of wrongdoing, recommendations and actions taken and shall make this report available to the public.

Pursuant to section 18 of the *Act*, I report that two (2) disclosures were received by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board during the year ended March 31, 2025. The Board's designated officer determined that the disclosures related to another government body. Section 5(2) of the *Regulations* made under the *Act* provides that if the "designated officer determines that the disclosure relates to another government body, the designated officer must refer the matter to the designated officer of the government body". Accordingly, the two disclosures were referred to the appropriate government body as follows:

- 1) Disclosure dated December 13, 2024, referred to the designated officer of the NS Department of Immigration on December 18, 2024.
- 2) Disclosure dated March 27, 2025, referred to the designated officer of the NS Department of Service Nova Scotia on March 31, 2025.

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board received no other disclosures during the year ended March 31, 2025.

The procedures for handling disclosures set out in the *Act* and *Regulations* have been communicated to the employees and members of the Board. Further, an internal Board policy, which is consistent with the *Act* and *Regulations*, has been adopted.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 31st day of March, 2025.

Stephen 7. McGrath, K.C., Chair