

## Decision of the Independent Panel – Exemption Amendment Application 1360

### Part 1 – Panel Members

Panel Members hearing the application: Tom Mitchell, Fiona Oliver-Glasford and Robert Wong
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### Part 2 – General Information

1. <i>Exemption Application</i> ID: 1360
2. <i>Market Participant</i> Name: NRStor Goderich CAES LP (“NRStor”)
3. Location/Site: Goderich Compressed Air Energy Storage
4. Role of Applicant in the market as it pertains to this <i>exemption</i> amendment application: <i>market participant – electricity storage resource</i>
5. Date <i>Exemption</i> Amendment Application Heard: June 5, 2025
6. Did <i>Exemption</i> Amendment Applicant agree to Terms and Conditions of the <i>IESO</i> Staff Recommendation: Yes
7. <i>Market Rule(s)</i> or related <i>market manual(s)</i> from which the <i>exemption</i> is requested (All references herein to chapters or provisions of the <i>market rules</i> will be interpreted as, and deemed to be references to chapters and provisions of the <i>renewed market rules</i> .): MR Ch.7 ss.3.2.1, 3.1.11, 3.1.12, 3.1.13 and 3.4.1.2.
8. Material Reviewed: a) <i>IESO</i> Staff Presentation b) NRStor <i>Exemption</i> Amendment Application c) <i>IESO</i> Staff Recommendation

9. Applicant's Position: NRStor Goderich CAES LP ("NRStor") requests an amendment to its *exemption* approved on June 15, 2021. The request is for administrative changes only to align the *exemption* with the new market and updated *market rules*. No changes are proposed to the nature of the original *exemption* or to changes in operation of NRStor's Goderich Compressed Air Energy Storage *facility*.

10. IESO Staff Recommendation: IESO staff recommend that the *exemption* amendment be granted, subject to the Terms and Conditions listed below. The amendment to the *exemption* is needed to align it with the *renewed market rules* implemented by the Market Renewal Program. The proposed changes are minor changes to the original *Exemption's* Terms and Conditions, to update specific section references of the *market rules* that mention the Day-ahead Commitment Process and amend those sections to reference the *Day-Ahead Market* process instead.

### Part 3 – Decision

**Decision:** The *Exemption* Panel agrees with the IESO Staff Recommendation of the streamlined process for these *exemption* amendments. Amended *Exemption 1360* is granted to NRStor subject to the Terms and Conditions set forth below.

### Part 4 – Reasons

#### Reasons of the Panel:

In rendering the decision, the Panel considered the IESO Staff Recommendation, the materials submitted by the IESO and NRStor, as well as the applicable *market rules*.

In consideration of the *exemption* amendment application, the Panel specifically considered the following points:

- The basis for granting an *exemption* to NRStor's Compressed Air Energy Storage *facility* at Goderich has already been considered in its original *exemption*, granted on June 15, 2021.
- These amendments are needed to update the exemption to align with the renewed market rules to ensure it continues to apply as intended.
- NRStor is not changing the way it operates its *electricity storage resource* as it relates to the nature of its original *exemption*.

There are no changes to the exemption assessment criteria and limited stakeholder submissions on the original exemption; therefore, the streamlined amendment process, which does not invite third party submissions, is appropriate for this exemption.

The rationale contained in the IESO Staff Recommendation satisfied the Panel that granting this amendment will address the administrative amendments required to bring NRStor's original *exemption* in line with the new market and associated *market rules*. The Panel is satisfied that the Terms and Conditions remain the same and continue to provide the appropriate obligations for participation in the *energy* and *operating reserve markets*.

## Part 5 – Terms and Conditions

<b>Effective Date of <i>Exemption</i></b> (or event causing exemption to become effective)	May 1, 2025
<b>Date of Expiration of <i>Exemption</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If greater than 5 years, the Panel must be satisfied that the circumstances justify a later date</li> <li>• Circumstances which will cause the <i>exemption</i> to immediately expire</li> </ul>	<i>Exemption</i> is for the life of the <i>facility</i> .
<b><i>Market rule(s) or related market manual(s) from which the exemption is granted</i></b>	MR Ch.7 s.3.2.1 MR Ch.7 s.3.1.11 MR Ch.7 s.3.1.12 MR Ch.7 s.3.1.13 MR Ch.7 s.3.4.1.2 Until such time as the IESO eliminates the zero series chapters, the above references will be understood to refer to the <i>renewed market rules</i> .
<b>Restrictions on the manner of operation and/or additional obligations to be met during the term of the <i>exemption</i>, if any</b>	The <i>exemption</i> from MR Ch.7 s.3.2.1 and ss. 3.1.11-3.1.13 pertains to withdrawals only. NRStor Goderich CAES LP (“NRStor”) will continue to submit <i>dispatch data</i> for its injections according to MR Ch.7 ss.3.2.1 and 3.2.2.  Withdrawals shall not be made while the <i>facility</i> is under an <i>operating reserve</i> activation on its injections.
<b>Monitoring Information Required</b>  Information required to be provided by the <i>exemption applicant</i> for monitoring by the <i>IESO</i>	N/A

<b>Payment of Costs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Processing costs (when introduced)</li> <li>• Incremental <i>exemption</i> costs</li> <li>• Settlement amounts to be withheld or repaid</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Reconsideration/Removal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date on which the <i>exemption</i> will be reconsidered (if applicable)</li> <li>• Circumstances under which the <i>exemption</i> will be reconsidered (if applicable) other than unforeseen future change in circumstances</li> </ul>	<p>The <i>exemption</i> will be reconsidered if NRStor Goderich CAES LP modifies the configuration of the <i>facility</i> resulting in an up-rate of its capacity to withdraw <i>energy</i>; and/or if any of the <i>market rules</i> from which the <i>facility</i> is exempt are being replaced or amended.</p>
<b>Transferability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- List the Terms and Conditions that need to be met to allow for a transfer of this <i>exemption</i> to be approved by <i>IESO</i> staff</li> <li>- Transferability in respect of a corporation, refers to a change of control of the corporation within the meaning of the Business Corporations Act (Ontario)</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Other:</b>	N/A