

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF A GENERAL RATE APPLICATION by NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED for approval of certain revisions to its Rates, Charges and Regulations

BEFORE:

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Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair
Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair
Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member

ORDER

Nova Scotia Power Incorporated filed a general rate application with the Nova Scotia Energy Board on September 18, 2025, for approval of certain revisions to its Rates, Charges and Regulations.

The Board issued its Decision on March 25, 2026, and NS Power submitted a Compliance Filing on April 7, 2026.

The Board issued an Order on April 30, 2026, approving NS Power's new Rates, Charges and Regulations, effective May 1, 2026.

Notwithstanding the approval of the Regulations, the Board's Order directed NS Power to refile revised regulations in accordance with a letter issued contemporaneously with the Order. In the letter, the Board directed NS Power to make limited and specific changes to Regulations 1.1 and 5.1, to conform to the Board's Decision on March 25, 2026. These revisions were filed with the Board on May 7, 2026. NS Power also filed an alternate version of Regulation 1.1 including different changes than directed by the Board. It submitted these changes would be helpful but left it to the Board's discretion which version it wished to approve.

On May 14, 2026, NS Power advised the Board that an updated version of Regulation 7.2, incorporating the changes approved by the Board in its Decision on March 25, 2026, had been previously omitted. It filed the updated version at that time.

The Board orders that:

1. NS Power's proposed changes to Regulation 1.1 do not conform to the Board's March 25, 2026, Decision or its April 30, 2026, Order and are not approved.
2. Regulations 1.1 and 5.1, attached as Schedule A, are approved effective May 1, 2026.
3. Regulation 7.2, attached as Schedule B, is approved effective May 1, 2026.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 10th day of July 2026.

Pamela McGarrigle

Clerk of the Board

Regulation 1.1**Interpretation and Definitions****Page 1 of 5****Interpretation**

In these regulations unless the context requires otherwise:

Words importing male persons include female persons and corporations.

Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.

Marginal notes and appended citations form no part of these regulations and are deemed to have been inserted for convenience of reference only.

Definitions

In these regulations unless the context requires otherwise:

“As Found Meter Test”	“As Found Meter Test” is a test on the meter removed from a premise and tested at the Company’s Measurement Canada certified test center in the condition in which it was found in service (meter seal is intact). The accuracy of the meter is verified and must fall within +/- 3% to be considered accurate as per Measurement Canada’s guidelines.
“Board”	“Board” means the Nova Scotia Energy Board;
“Company”	“Company” means Nova Scotia Power Incorporated;
“Customer”	“customer” includes a person who is receiving, intends to receive, or has received electrical energy or electric services from the Company. For greater certainty, this includes an RtR Customer receiving Distribution System Access;
“Demand”	“demand” means the maximum kW/kVA recorded over a specified time period;

“Distribution System Access”	The services provided by the Company under the Distribution Tariff to provide for the connection of the RtR Customer to the Company’s distribution system, but does not include the provision of electricity. These services are comprised of delivery of electricity on the distribution system and related services including connections, disconnections, line and service extensions, inspection services, meter services, power restoration, meter reading, and customer service, all in accordance with the applicable Regulations;
“Farming or Fishing Unit”	“farming or fishing unit” means a farming or fishing business at one location, whether a single or family operation, partnership, or incorporated business;
“Licenced Retail Supplier (LRS)”	A Retail Supplier who: (a) holds a valid Retail Supplier Licence; and (b) has a valid LRS Participation Agreement executed with the Company. For certainty, a Wholesale Customer is not a Licenced Retail Supplier;
“Load”	“load means power and energy with the power measured in kW/kVA and the energy in kWh;
“LRS Participation Agreement”	“LRS Participation Agreement means the agreement (and any amendments or supplements thereto) between a Licenced Retail Supplier and the Company with respect to the sale of renewable low-impact electricity by the LRS in the form approved by the Board;
“Meter”	“meter” means an electric meter, and includes a machine, apparatus or instrument used for making electrical measurements, and any device utilized for the purpose of obtaining the basis of a charge for electricity;
“Meter seal”	"meter seal" means either the seal placed on the meter by Industry Canada to prevent fraudulent interference with the passage of electricity through the meter or the seal placed by the Company on the terminal plate or the meter band securing the meter to the base, and includes a seal placed on the demand reset where demand indicating meters are involved and other installations as required;

“Mobile home”	"mobile home" means any portable dwelling having no permanent foundation and supported by wheels, jacks or similar supports, used or so constructed as to permit its being used as a conveyance upon public streets or highways and designed and constructed to permit occupancy for dwelling or sleeping quarters. This does not include travel trailers, tent trailers or trailers otherwise designed;
“Normal business hours”	“normal business hours” means 0830 hrs to 1630 hrs, Monday to Friday inclusive excluding Statutory holidays;
“Occupant”	“occupant” means any person who has the right to occupy any premises;
“Overhead line extension”	"overhead line extension" means any above ground extension from existing Company distribution facilities required to supply electric power for one or more customers adjacent to a public road, and/or for two or more customers not adjacent to a public road, and any such extension shall be deemed to terminate where the line ceases to be common to more than one customer;
“Overhead service extension”	"overhead service extension" means any above ground extension across private property or along a private road required to serve only a single customer;
“Owner”	“owner” is any person having title to the whole or any part of any premises and may include a joint owner, tenant-in-common, or joint tenant;
“Permanent Service”	"permanent service" is one terminated on a permanent structure and which can be expected to remain in place without alteration for the useful life of the service. It may serve a conventional building, mobile home, or recurring seasonal service;
“Person”	"person" includes a government and a department, agency or commission thereof, corporation, partnership, firm, association, society, unincorporated entity and the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of a person;

“Power”	“power” means the time rate of generating or using electric energy, normally expressed in kilowatts;
“Power factor”	“power factor” means the ratio of real power, (kW) to apparent power (kVA) for any given load and time. Generally it is expressed as a percentage ratio;
“Premises”	"premises" means a premises that is provided with electricity through a single meter and, as the context requires, either (a) a complete building such as an office building, factory or house; or (b) a part of a building such as a suite of offices in an office building or an apartment in an apartment building, and in such cases the part of the building occupied must be contiguous and include no space not controlled by the customer; or (c) a group of buildings served by one electric service and at its discretion accepted by the Company as one customer for billing purposes;
“Primary metering”	“primary metering” means metering on the high voltage side of the transformer supplying the customer;
“Public Road”	“public road” includes any rural road listed and maintained by the Department of Transportation or any road maintained by a municipality;
“Retail Supplier”	“Retail Supplier” has the same meaning as under the <i>Electricity Act</i> , S.N.S. 2004, c. 25.
“Retail Supplier Licence”	“Retail Supplier Licence” means a Retail Supplier licence issued by the Board in accordance with the <i>Electricity Act</i> , S.N.S. 2004, c. 25 and regulations made thereunder, which permits a person to sell renewable low-impact electricity generated within the Province.

“RtR Customer”	“RtR Customer” means a Retail Customer who is acquiring renewable low-impact electricity from an LRS at an individual premises and is not receiving Bundled Service from NS Power at that premises.
“Residential Customer”	"residential customer" means any individual non-commercial customer receiving service under the Domestic Service Rate at his/her permanent or temporary place of residence;
“Secondary metering”	"secondary metering" means metering on the low voltage side of the transformer supplying the customer;
“Service line allowance”	"service line allowance" is the distance from the centre line of the road or existing line, whichever is nearer to the nearest point of attachment to the customer's electric service as determined by the Company;
“Temporary electric service”	"temporary electric service" includes any service supplied for a temporary purpose, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes picnics, concerts, sporting events, rallies, conventions, circuses, exhibitions and construction sites and facilities which will not result in permanent service connections, and any service required for less than one month;
“Unmetered”	“unmetered” means a supply of electricity for which no metering device is employed to record either the power or energy supplied.
“Wholesale Customer”	“Wholesale Customer” has the same meaning as under the Electricity Act, S.N.S. 2004, c. 25.

When reasonably possible, meters shall be read bi-monthly; however, the Company may read meters on a monthly basis.

POSTCARD METER READING

In the event that the Company is unable to obtain meter readings for a Customer, the Company may adopt a postcard meter reading system for billing purposes. Under such system, the Company shall supply the Customer with prepaid postage cards upon which the Company shall indicate the date upon which the meter shall be read by the Customer ("reading date"). The Customer shall record on the postcard the reading showing on the meter as of the reading date and shall immediately return the card to the Company along with a digital image of the Customer's meter if reasonably feasible. In these circumstances, the Company may consider postcard meter reading to be actual meter readings.

ESIMATED METER READING

If the Company is unable to obtain a meter reading due to circumstances beyond its control, or due to the failure of the Customer to return the postcard reading, then the amount of power and energy used by the Customer shall be estimated by the Company using the best available data. In the event that estimated meter readings are required five (5) consecutive times, then the Customer shall make suitable arrangements to ensure that the meters are read by the Company during the Company's normal business hours. Should the Customer fail to make suitable arrangements, the Company may disconnect the supply of electric service to the Customer or may require that the Customer relocate the meter in accordance with Regulation 4.1.

In the event that actual meter readings for any scheduled reads are obtained subsequent to estimated readings, the Company shall make the necessary adjustments.

METER READING IN RURAL AREAS

Where electric service is supplied to a Customer in a rural area, the Company may adopt a postcard meter reading system of monthly or bi-monthly meter reading. Under such system, the Company shall supply the Customer with prepaid postage cards upon which the Company shall indicate the date upon which the meter shall be read by the Customer ("reading date"). The Customer shall record on the postcard the reading showing on the meter as of the reading date and shall immediately return the card to the Company. In these circumstances, the Company may consider postcard meter reading to be actual meter readings.

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7.2.1 Permits and Inspections

Permits and inspections will normally be of three types:

- (a) Regular Permits and Inspections
- (b) Annual Permits and Inspections
- (c) Special Permits and Inspections

7.2.1 (a) Regular Permits and Inspections

All persons, firms or corporations within Nova Scotia Power's inspection authority who are eligible to install electrical installations for the use of electrical energy shall, before commencing or doing any electrical installation of new equipment, or repairs, or altering or adding to any electrical installation or equipment already installed, submit and obtain approval in a manner prescribed by the inspection authority.

Individual permits shall be required for temporary and individual miscellaneous services and each dwelling unit of a single, duplex or row type housing, etc., whether supplied via an individual or multi-position metering devices.

Apartment type buildings, multi-tenant industrial and commercial installations shall be performed under one permit.

Permits are not transferable.

Permits shall be issued only to the firm or persons performing the work described on the Permit and in compliance with Section 4, "Permit" of the regulations made by the Fire Marshall pursuant to the *Electrical Installation and Inspection Act*.

Permit holders shall immediately notify the Electrical Inspection Authority upon the completion of an electrical installation requesting a FINAL inspection.

The fee for a Regular Permit and Inspection will be based on the Installed Value, including labour, material and sundries of the electrical installation, alteration, upgrade, repair or extension.

When a dispute arises regarding the cost of an electrical installation the permit applicant may be required, at the Inspection Authority discretion, to supply a letter from the owner indicating the value of the contract and/or a bill of materials for the project.

The fees for a Regular Permit and Inspection, including the number of Inspection Visits, shall be based on the Installed Value of the installation as shown in the Inspection Fee Schedule.

7.2.1 (b) Annual Permits and Inspections

An annual maintenance permit shall be issued for an establishment to cover all minor repairs as required under sections 4(a) (B), (2) and (3) of the regulations made by the Fire Marshal pursuant to the *Electrical Installation and Inspection Act*.

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Such a permit does not entitle the holder to effect major electrical alterations or additions.

The number of inspection visits shall be at the discretion of the Inspection Authority.

Notwithstanding the above, at least one inspection visit shall be made in the year for which the permit is issued.

7.2.1 (c) Special Permits and Inspections

Where the fee for a Regular Permit and Inspection are inappropriate the special permit and inspection fee shall apply. (Ex. carnivals and travelling shows).

7.2.2 Late Application Fee

Where an electrical contractor fails to obtain an electrical wiring permit prior to commencing the electrical work, an additional fee shall be payable in the amount of fifty (50) percent of the regular fee, up to a maximum additional fee of \$100.00.

7.2.3 Payment of Fees

Fees for permits and inspections shall be paid at the time of requesting the permit unless otherwise indicated by the inspection authority. Permits having fees in arrears in excess of 120 days shall be subject to cancellation and at the discretion of the inspection authority. No additional permits shall be issued to the holder of the unpaid permits until such time the outstanding fees have been adequately dealt with. Interest on overdue accounts will be charged at 1.5% per month or part thereof, or a maximum of 19.56% per annum.

7.2.4 Refund of Fees

The holder of a permit may apply to the inspection authority for a refund less a \$10.00 non-refundable portion of the permit fee with respect to a cancelled or unused permit. No refund shall be issued for a permit where an inspection call has been made at the request of the permit holder.

7.2.5 Expiry of Permits

A permit for electrical work is valid for 12 months from the date of issue in respect of residential and 24 months in respect of all others unless otherwise noted on the permit. Upon expiry, a renewal fee to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the original permit shall be charged.

7.2.6 Review of Plans and Specifications

The Inspection Authority may, prior to issuing a permit, request the submission of plans and specifications for any proposed electrical installation. Plans shall be submitted for all commercial, industrial institutional installations exceeding 250 volts or 250 amperes.

7.2.7 Inspection Fee Schedule**7.2.7 (a) Regular Permits and Inspection**

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The fee for a regular permit and the maximum number of inspection visits, with respect to an installation will be calculated, as follows.

7.27 (b) Annual Permit and Inspection

The fee for an annual permit and inspection for any one establishment shall be the appropriate hourly rate.

7.27 (c) Special Permit and Inspection

The fee for a special permit and inspection for any one project shall be the appropriate hourly rate.

7.27 (d) Plans Examination

The fees for the examination of electrical plans and specifications shall be per review:

	2026	2027
0 – 1,000 amps	\$137.00	\$141.00
Greater than 1,000 amps	\$137.00	\$141.00

7.27 (e) Primary Services

	2026	2027
The fees for the inspection of a primary service (padmount, vault, etc.) shall be per installation.	\$125.00	\$125.00

7.27 (f) Letter of Acceptance

	2026	2027
The fee for a Letter of Acceptance shall be	\$77.00	\$77.00

INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE

INSTALLED VALUE OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION	INSPECTION VISITS	PERMIT FEE	2026	2027
\$ 0,000 to \$ 2,000	1		\$136.00	\$140.00
\$ 2,001 to \$ 4,000	2		\$272.00	\$281.00
\$ 4,001 to \$ 6,000	2		\$454.00	\$468.00
\$ 6,001 to \$ 8,000	2		\$545.00	\$561.00
\$ 8,001 to \$ 10,000	2		\$635.00	\$655.00
\$ 10,001 to \$ 15,000	3		\$1,089.00	\$1,122.00
\$ 15,001 to \$ 25,000	3		\$1,498.00	\$1,543.00
\$ 25,001 to \$ 50,000	3		\$1,906.00	\$1,964.00

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INSTALLED VALUE OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION	INSPECTION VISITS	PERMIT FEE	2026	2027
\$ 50,001 to \$ 100,000	3		\$2,315.00	\$2,384.00
\$100,001 to \$ 300,000	4		\$3,631.00	\$3,740.00
\$300,001 to \$ 500,000	5		\$4,539.00	\$4,675.00
\$500,001 to \$750,000	6		\$5,447.00	\$5,610.00
\$750,001 to \$1,000,000	8		\$7,262.00	\$7,480.00
+ \$1,000,000	10		\$9,078.00	\$9,350.00
		+ 0.15% of cost in excess of \$1,000,000		

New Installations are subject to the following minimum inspection fees:

	2026	2027
RESIDENTIAL-ALL INSTALLATIONS	\$272.00	\$281.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTIONAL		
Up to 100 AMPS	\$272.00	\$281.00
Over 100 to 400 AMPS	\$635.00	\$655.00
Over 400 to 800 AMPS	\$1,089.00	\$1,122.00
Over 800 to 1000 AMPS	\$1,498.00	\$1,543.00
Over 1000 AMPS	\$1,906.00	\$1,964.00

7.27 (g) Hourly Rate Inspections

Note: All fees are per inspection visit.

Normal Working Hours:	2026	2027
(i) For the first hour or fraction thereof	\$182.00	\$187.00
(ii) For each additional half-hour or fraction thereof	\$91.00	\$94.00
Outside Normal Working Hours:	2026	2027
Extension of a regular work day (before or after)		
(i) For the first hour or fraction thereof	\$182.00	\$188.00
(ii) For each additional half-hour or fraction thereof	\$91.00	\$94.00
Weekends and Statutory Holidays:		
(i) For the first hour or fraction thereof	\$494.00	\$509.00
(ii) For each additional half-hour or fraction thereof	\$91.00	\$94.00

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7.27 (h) Inspections in Excess of Maximum Number of Visits

For an inspection visit, in excess of the maximum number of visits permitted under the Regular Permit and Inspection Fee the Special Permit and Inspection Fee shall apply.