

December 1, 2025

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Abu Augustine
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Dear Mr. Augustine:

**M12463 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. – Complaint – Solar Energy Producers Regulations
– Abu Augustine**

On September 5, 2025, you filed a complaint with the Nova Scotia Energy Board about your solar generation not being properly compensated by Nova Scotia Power Inc., (NS Power) and seeking a solution:

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My complaint is that NSP charges for every kwh consumed by customers, but every kwh above netzero exported by solar is not paid to the producer, which is unfair. All Solar producers want to be paid for surplus KWH energy exported to which NSP charging their customers.
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Further, on September 15, 2025, as per Board Staff inquiry, you submitted additional information to support your complaint. The information includes the following documents:

- Net Metering Single Line Drawing (SLD)
- ENERGUIDE evaluation reports
- Nova Scotia Power bill
- Electrical Inspection Report for solar connection

Based on the information provided, the Board understands you installed a 16 kW DC solar generation system in May 2024. You receive credits to offset power consumption from your solar generation; however, you are seeking compensation for all electricity generated in excess of your annual consumption.

In 2022, the *Electricity Act* in Nova Scotia was amended to allow any NS Power customer to install a 27 kW or smaller solar generator as of right, with no requirement to participate in any NS Power program. Under this legislation, NS Power must purchase excess electricity from the customer up to a maximum of the customer's total usage per calendar year at a rate equivalent to the rate paid by the customer. However, the statute says NS Power is not required to compensate a customer for more electricity than they consume in a calendar year. The complete section from the statute is also quoted below:

Customer may generate and sell electricity

7 (1) A Nova Scotia Power customer may, as of right, with no requirement to participate in a Nova Scotia Power program, install a renewable low-impact generator or energy storage device with a total nameplate capacity of 27 kilowatts or less.

(2) A customer who generates the customer's own electricity shall ensure the equipment meets the standards prescribed by the regulations.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), Nova Scotia Power shall purchase excess electricity from a customer who has installed a renewable low-impact generator or energy storage device with a nameplate capacity of 27 kilowatts or less to generate electricity for the customer's own use.

(4) Nova Scotia Power shall purchase electricity under subsection (3) up to a maximum of the customer's total usage per calendar year at a rate equivalent to the rate paid by the customer, but is not required to compensate a customer for electricity generated by the customer in excess of the customer's total consumption in a calendar year.

(5) Customers who generate their own electricity are not required to enter into a contractual agreement with Nova Scotia Power for the sale of their generated electricity if the nameplate capacity of the customer's generator is 27 kilowatts or less.

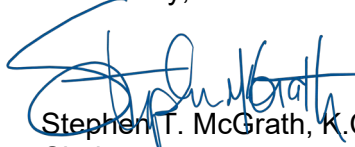
(6) Nova Scotia Power shall transition all existing net-metering customers who were issued contracts for the purchase of their generated electricity to the program referred to in subsection (3), but shall continue to abide by the terms of those contracts, including payment for excess energy generated by the customer, until those contracts are terminated pursuant to subsection (7).

(7) A contract between Nova Scotia Power and a net-metering customer in effect as of April 22, 2022, may be terminated when

- (a) the customer's electrical service is disconnected;
- (b) the customer has not generated any electricity for a period of 12 calendar months; or
- (c) the customer's generating facility is not in compliance with the terms of the contract.

In summary, the Board finds that the request for compensation for electricity generated exceeding your annual consumption falls outside the scope of the current *Electricity Act*. The Board does not have the authority to change the legislation or to direct NS Power to pay more than the statute requires. As such, your complaint must be dismissed.

Yours truly,


Stephen T. McGrath, K.C.
Chair

