

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT**

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by the **TOWN OF MAHONE BAY** on behalf of its electric utility, for the approval of a rate rider to recover deferred revenue from the phasing in of the utility's last general rate increase

BEFORE:  Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair

DECISION AND ORDER

The Town of Mahone Bay, on behalf of its electric utility, applied to the Nova Scotia Energy Board on December 18, 2025, for approval to begin recovering deferred revenue from the phasing in of a rate increase the Board ordered in the utility's last general rate application (M10832) affecting the utility's rate classes.

In its general rate application decision, the Board directed the utility to cap the approved rate increases at 20% for affected customer classes, with the difference between the rate cap and the full rate approved in the decision to be deferred, by rate class, for later recovery, with interest.

The utility's application seeks to begin recovery of the 2023 General Rate Application Deferred Revenue Rider from its Domestic Service, Small General Service, and General Service rate classes and for Town Street Lighting over 24 months.

The Board determined this proceeding would be conducted by way of a paper hearing and assigned a timeline for the proceeding. A Notice of Paper Hearing was published in the Chronicle Herald on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, and the South Shore Bulletin on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. The Board received confirmation of advertising as required on January 5, 2026. The utility also noted that it would notify its customers of the application and proposed rate rider increase in their next bill.

The Board received one Notice of Intervention from the Nova Scotia Independent Energy System Operator (IESO Nova Scotia) by January 9, 2026, which was the deadline in the Notice of Paper Hearing for doing so. IESO Nova Scotia followed up with an email indicating that it intervened "to simply monitor the NSEB proceeding and does not intend to issue IRs to Mahone Bay or submit comments to the Board." The Board did not receive any Letters of Comment in this matter by the January 9, 2026, deadline.

In addition to its application, the utility responded to a clarifying question from Board staff on December 22, 2025.

The Board approves the application and orders the following:

1. A 2023 General Rate Application Deferred Revenue Rider for the Domestic Service (including Domestic Time of Day and Net Metering); Small General Service, and General Service rate classes and for Town Street Lighting converted to a flat monthly amount, is approved, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2027, as follows:

Rate Class	2026	2027
Domestic	0.5289 cents/kWh	0.5289 cents/kWh
Small General	0.4866 cents/kWh	0.4866 cents/kWh
General	0.3572 cents/kWh	0.3572 cents/kWh
LED 50-watt	\$0.92/month	\$0.92/month
LED 53-watt	\$0.98/month	\$0.98/month
LED 83-watt	\$1.53/month	\$1.53/month

2. The Schedule of Rates for Electric Supply and Services, attached to this Order as Schedule "A", is approved for service rendered on and after January 1, 2026.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 14th day of January 2026.



Clerk of the Board

SCHEDULE "A"
TOWN OF MAHONE BAY ELECTRIC UTILITY

SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND SERVICES PROPOSED RATES
(Effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 2026)

RATES

The rates set out below are the rates for electric supply and service when payment is made within 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill.

Bills which are not paid within 30 days will be subject to an interest rate of 1.5% per month or part thereof to a maximum of 18.72% per year.

Each bill shall show the amount payable within 15 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill and the interest rate of 1.5% per month or part thereof which is charged on amounts unpaid after the due date.

"Purchased Power Cost Changes, Including Demand-Side Management ("DSM") Charges"

In order to recover costs due to power purchase changes and upon notice by the Council of the Town of Mahone Bay to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, (the Board), the Board may amend the Rates for Domestic service, Small General, Large General and Street and Yard Lighting based on the following formula without the necessity of a public hearing.

$$A / B = C$$

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| A | = | Estimated change in all purchased power costs, including DSM; |
| B | = | Estimated revenue (excluding any estimated revenue from base charges) from rate classes; |
| C | = | % change required to the Town of Mahone Bay energy and demand rates to recover changes in power purchase costs. |

To calculate (A), the estimated change in all power purchased costs, including DSM, the Town of Mahone Bay will use the following procedure:

Step 1 – Use the Town's most recent projection of sales, losses, production, and purchases in the spreadsheet produced annually during the Town's budgeting process to calculate the Total Required Energy by source of purchased power (e.g. excluding self- generation), the Total Cost of such purchased power, and the cent/kWh Cost of purchased power.

Step 2 – Calculate the difference between the cent/kWh Cost in Step 1 and the cent/kWh Cost of purchased power used in setting existing rates in Step 2.

Step 3 – Multiply the difference in Step 2 by the Total Required Energy to be served by purchased power (e.g. excluding any self-generation) in the Test Year to determine the estimated change in all purchased power costs for the Test Year.

Where the kWh (energy) portion of street and yard lighting is incorporated into a monthly charge then the charge for the energy portion shall be adjusted by the change and the result incorporated into the monthly charge. For street and yard lighting the energy portion of such charges shall be as represented in NSPI's current Rates and Regulations, and where no monthly kWh value is available, upon the calculated monthly energy.

In the event a new source of purchased power forms part of the Test Year, or an existing power purchase agreement for a source of purchased power has been amended since the Board's approval of existing rates, the Board may grant the flow-through requested following its review of the updated information without the necessity of a public hearing, subject to the Board reserving the right to conduct a review to assure such Test Year purchased power costs are reasonable and prudent. Following consideration of such review (if any), the Board may make such adjustments (with interest if appropriate) as it may find necessary.

Where, in the absence of a General Rate Application, an increase for any customer class of more than 10 percent compared with the rate payable in the prior year is caused by the application of the flow-through procedures, the Board should consider appropriate measures to assist customers.

Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) Adjustments due to Fuel Adjustment Mechanism ("FAM")

In order to recover FAM adjustments due to NSPI approved FAM adjustments and upon notice by the Town to the Board, the Board may amend the kilowatt-hour rates charged in all rate classes based on the following, without the necessity of a public hearing.

D = the FAM adjustment to be rebated to or recovered from the Town during the Test Year and

E = the projected total sales to all of the Town's customers from the Town's most recent projection of sales in the Spreadsheet and

$D / E = F$ where F is the cents/kWh FAM adjustment to be applied to the kWh rates for the Town's customers.

The rates shown in this Schedule shall be those adjusted by the FAM and the amount of the FAM adjustment F shall be shown in all rates.

For street lighting and yard lighting, the rates shown in this Schedule shall be those adjusted by the FAM.

Where the kWh (energy) portion of street and yard lighting is incorporated into a monthly charge then the charge for the energy portion shall be adjusted by the change and the result incorporated into the monthly charge. For street and yard lighting the energy portion of such charges shall be as represented in NSPI's current Rates and Regulations, and where no monthly kWh value is available, upon the calculated monthly energy.

For Domestic Time of Use Rates the following will apply:

On peak, charges are twice the Regular Domestic 2nd Block KWH rate;

Shoulder charges are equal to the Regular 2nd Block Domestic KWH rate;

The off-peak charges are equal to 58.10% of the Regular 2nd Block Domestic KWH Rate.

DOMESTIC SERVICE

<u>Service Charge:</u>	Three-wire service - \$13.78 per month
<u>Energy Charge:</u>	\$21.1548 cents per kilowatt-hour for the first 200 kilowatt hours per month \$18.3169 cents per kilowatt hour for all additional consumption
<u>Minimum Bill:</u>	The Service Charge \$13.78
<u>Availability:</u>	This rate is applicable to electric service supplied to any customer in a private residence for the customer's own domestic or household use, including lighting, cooking, heating and power for ordinary household appliances. It shall not apply to hotels, public boarding houses or institutional dormitories.
<u>2023 General Rate Application Deferred Revenue Rider:</u>	0.5289 cents per kilowatt hour for service from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027

SMALL GENERAL SERVICE

<u>Service Charge:</u>	\$18.84 per month
<u>Energy Rates:</u>	\$20.7526 cents per kilowatt-hour for the first 100 kilowatt-hours per month per kilowatt of connected load or maximum demand, whichever is the basis of the Base Charge.
<u>Minimum Bill:</u>	\$18.6225 cents per kilowatt-hour for all additional consumption \$18.84 per month
<u>Availability:</u>	This rate is applicable to all electric loads other than domestic, street lighting or area lighting where the connected load is 10 KW or less.
<u>2023 General Rate Application Deferred Revenue Rider:</u>	0.4866 cents per kilowatt hour for service from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027

GENERAL SERVICE

<u>Demand Charge:</u>	\$6.51 per month per kilowatt of maximum demand
<u>Energy Rates:</u>	\$21.0071 cents per kilowatt hour for the first 200 kilowatt hours per month per kilowatt of maximum demand
	\$13.0625 cents per kilowatt hour for all additional consumption
<u>Minimum Bill:</u>	\$32.63 per month
<u>Availability:</u>	This rate is applicable to all electric loads other than domestic service, street lighting and area lighting where the connected load exceeds 10 KW.
<u>2023 General Rate</u> <u>Application Deferred</u> <u>Revenue Rider:</u>	0.3572 cents per kilowatt hour for service from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027

STREET LIGHTING

Town Street Lighting

<u>Lamp type and Rating</u>	<u>\$/Month</u>
LED, 50 watt	\$19.84
LED, 53 watt	\$20.28
LED, 83 watt	\$23.64

Availability: The above rates are applicable to street lighting supplied to the Town of Mahone Bay. They include supply and installation of equipment on existing poles, power and energy for approximately 4,000 hours operation per year and costs of ordinary repair and maintenance.

2023 General Rate 5.526 cents per kilowatt hour for service from January 1, 2026,
Application Deferred 2026, to December 31, 2027. Converted to a flat monthly amount,
2026 Revenue Rider: this equates to \$0.92/month for LED 50 watt, \$0.98/month for LED 53 watt and \$1.53/month for LED 83 watt.

Area Lighting

<u>Lamp Type and Rating</u>	<u>\$/Month</u>
LED, 30 watt	\$10.52
LED, 53 watt	\$12.17
LED, 60 watt	\$12.59
LED, 129 watt	\$17.35
LED, 150 watt	\$18.79

Availability: These rates are applicable to outdoor lighting supplied to customers other than the Town of Mahone Bay for the illumination of yards, driveways and all other energy for approximately 4,000 hours per year and costs of ordinary repair and maintenance

DOMESTIC SERVICE TIME-OF-DAY RATE (OPTIONAL)

Service Charge

\$30.91 PER MONTH

Energy Charge

December, January and February

07:00 am to 1:00 pm 36.6339 cents per kilowatt hour
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 18.3169 cents per kilowatt hour
4:00 pm to 10:00 pm 36.6339 cents per kilowatt hour
10:00 pm to 7:00 am 10.6421 cents per kilowatt hour

The above rates apply weekdays (Monday through Friday inclusive), excluding statutory holidays. For Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays, all consumption will be billed at the rate of 10.6421 cents per kilowatt hour.

March to November

7:00 am to 10:00 pm	18.3169 cents per kilowatt hour
10:00 am to 7:00 pm	10.6421 cents per kilowatt hour

The above rates apply weekdays (Monday through Friday inclusive), excluding statutory holidays. For Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays, all consumption will be billed at the rate of 10.6421 cents per kilowatt hour.

Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge shall be \$30.91

Availability

This rate is only available to customers employing Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) equipment and electric in-floor radiant (i.e. hydronic) heating systems utilizing time shifting technology approved by the Utility.

2023 General Rate

Application Deferred
Revenue Rider:

0.5289 cents per kilowatt hour for service from January 1, 2026
to December 31, 2027

NET METERING RATE

Eligible customers will be billed under the otherwise-applicable metered rates.

The service is applicable at the option of the customer to any metered electric service accounts which are electrically connected to the Utility's distribution system, and which are owned by the same customer.

2023 General Rate

Application Deferred

Revenue Rider:

0.5289 cents per kilowatt hour for service from January 1, 2026
to December 31, 2027