

Community Solar Program – 2025 Report (NSEB M12686)
NSPI Responses to Consumer Advocate Information Requests

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1 **Request IR-1:**

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3 **Re: Community Solar Energy Credit Rider**

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5 **(a) Please confirm NSP is not proposing to change the existing Community Solar Energy**
6 **Credit Rider. If not confirmed, please explain in detail.**

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8 **Response IR-1:**

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10 **(a) Confirmed.**

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1 **Request IR-2:**

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3 **Re: NSPI (CA) IR-3 from Matter M11911**

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5 **Please provide an update on the reasonableness of the assumptions used in preparing the**
6 **response to NSPI (CA) IR-3 from Matter M11911, including the assumption that program**
7 **administration would be self-funding. In the event any of the assumptions have changed**
8 **materially, please provide an update to the response.**

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10 **Response IR-2:**

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12 In preparing the response to M11911 NSPI (CA) IR-3, which requested analysis of a sample
13 project, the Company used the minimum power purchase rate of \$70 per MWh, as prescribed in
14 the *Community Solar Program Regulations* (CSP Regulations), and the maximum administrative
15 fee of \$5 per MWh, prescribed in the CSP Regulations, as an illustrative example. These two
16 assumptions are now informed by the four projects that have been awarded Power Purchase
17 Agreements, which are not consistent with the minimum power purchase rate or the maximum
18 administrative fee. The assumption that program administration would be self-funding remains
19 accurate; however, should the administrative fee continue to deviate from the base assumptions in
20 future Power Purchase Agreements, then NS Power anticipates that program administration may
21 no longer be self-funding.

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1 **Request IR-3:**

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3 **Re: NSPI (IG) IR-3 from Matter M11911**

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5 **Please provide an update on whether NSP has completed the enhancements to its billing**
6 **systems contemplated for 2025 as described in the response to NSPI (IG) IR-3 from Matter**
7 **M11911. If not, please discuss whether such upgrades are still required given the low volume**
8 **uptake to date.**

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10 **Response IR-3:**

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12 The billing system automation enhancements to accommodate the Community Solar Program on
13 a larger scale have not been completed. These enhancements will be timed to coincide with an
14 increase in subscriber volume as new projects come online.