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Request IR-1:

Refer to M12686, Exhibit N-2, Community Solar Program 2025 Report Attachment 1, Page 6 of 6, and the table showing the Community Solar Program 2025 energy kWh and dollar amount associated with CSECR credits issued to each subscriber rate class.

(a) Please confirm that this table shows that as of December 23, 2025 there are no subscribers participating in the Community Solar Program from the three rate classes, Small General, General, and Small Industrial, represented by the SBA.

(b) What efforts has NS Power undertaken to encourage participation among these three SBA classes?

(c) Does this table show that there are only energy costs ($ per kWh) associated with this program?

(d) If there are any capacity or other costs associated with offering or maintaining this program, please provide the document or PPA that provides this cost detail.

(e) How and where will NS Power represent the costs for this program in the FAM? Please provide the line-item category, schedule, and page in the FAM SWG monthly and/or quarterly reports where these costs will appear.

Response IR-1:

(a) In preparing the response to this IR, the Company realized that the subscriber base reported as ‘Large General’ in item (3) on the ‘M11911 Directives’ tab should have been reported as ‘General.’ NS Power has revised the Report and has provided this as Partially Confidential Attachment 1 to this IR.

(b) Under the *Community Solar Program Regulations* (CSP Regulations),[1] Project Owners are the subscriber recruitment and retention managing entity of the Program. NS Power's role in subscriber management relates to confirmation of subscriber eligibility and administration of the Community Solar Energy Credit Rider (CSECR).

(c) The table under item (3) on page 6 of Partially Confidential Attachment 1 shows the total amount of CSECR credits remitted (at $0.02 per kWh of energy delivered under the Program) during the reporting period. This information is provided in accordance with the Board's direction in the CSECR Application (M11911)[2] and is not indicative of a total program cost.

(d) Under the Program, NS Power does not install, own, operate, or manage any CSP solar garden; therefore, the Company is not privy to costs associated with installation, ownership, and operation of these Projects. As prescribed in the CSP Regulations, NS Power must purchase all of the output from Projects and Project Owners pay NS Power an administrative fee of up to $5 per MWh through the Board-approved, and Minister-issued, Power Purchase Agreement.[3] The total amount of energy purchased in the reporting year is reported on the 'M11911 Directives' tab of Partially Confidential Attachment 1.

(e) Please refer to M12451 Exhibit N-3 Appendix 6A pages 6-7 of 10 and Appendix 6B page 18 of 33.

[1] Section 25(1)(b) of the Community Solar Program Regulations provides "A project owner is responsible for all of the following: […] recruiting subscribers during the term of the power purchase agreement."
[2] In M11911, the Board directed NS Power file a copy of its annual report to the Minister under the Program Regulations no later than January 31 each year and include the following additional information, "[…] The total amount of credits paid to customers under the program, in both the amount of energy (kWh) and dollars, by rate class."
[3] Please refer to M11903 Exhibit N-3 for the Board-approved standard form Power Purchase Agreement applicable to this Program.

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No.	Project	Commercial Operation Date	Address or Location	Approved Nameplate Capacity (kW)	Remaining (unsubscribed) Nameplate Capacity at December 31 (kW)	January			
						Residential		Non-Residential	
						Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)
1	Pine Tree Park Estates (New Dawn Enterprises Limited)	01-Dec-24	55 Military Road, Sydney NS	555.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
2	Brooklyn Solar	TBD	Brooklyn Rd, Annapolis NS	4,800.0	n/a	-	-	-	-
3	Sydney Solar	TBD	0 Grand Lake Road, Sydney, NS	1,700.0	n/a	-	-	-	-
4	Petpeswick Solar	TBD	West Petpeswick Road, Halifax NS	2,200.0	n/a	-	-	-	-

Notes:

1. Projects 2-4 have not achieved commercial operation; therefore, no subscription-related data is available in the Reporting Year.

2. The PPAs for Projects 2-4 are reported in the table above but are excluded from the data on the 'M11911 Directives' tab, as those Projects did not achieve commercial operation in the Reporting Year.

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No.	Project	February				March				April			
		Residential		Non-Residential		Residential		Non-Residential		Residential		Non-Residential	
		Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)
1	Pine Tree Park Estates (New Dawn Enterprises Limited)	-	-	-	-	43	9.9	1	131.3	43	9.9	1	131.3
2	Brooklyn Solar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Sydney Solar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Petpeswick Solar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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No.	Project	May				June				July			
		Residential		Non-Residential		Residential		Non-Residential		Residential		Non-Residential	
		Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)
1	Pine Tree Park Estates (New Dawn Enterprises Limited)	43	9.9	1	131.3	43	9.9	1	131.3	43	9.9	1	131.3
2	Brooklyn Solar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Sydney Solar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Petpeswick Solar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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No.	Project	August				September				October			
		Residential		Non-Residential		Residential		Non-Residential		Residential		Non-Residential	
		Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)
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2	Brooklyn Solar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Sydney Solar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Petpeswick Solar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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No.	Project	November				December			
		Residential		Non-Residential		Residential		Non-Residential	
		Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)	Avg. Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscription Size (kW)
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3	Sydney Solar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Petpeswick Solar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

blue highlight = revision from Initial Report

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Additional Reporting in accordance with the Board's M11911 Decision (Community Solar Energy Credit Rider)

For the Reporting Year: January 1 to December 31, 2025

	Jan 1 to Dec 23, 2025:[4]	Since Nov 20, 2024:
(1) Total Amount of Energy Purchased under the Community Solar Program:[3]	768,334.84 kWh	798,016.92 kWh
(2) Total Cost for the Purchased Energy under the Program's Power Purchase Agreements:[3]	[redacted]	[redacted]

(3) Total Amount of Credits Paid to Community Solar Energy Credit Rider (CSECR) Subscribers, by Rate Class:

Rate Class	CSECR Credits Paid[1]	
	energy amount (kWh)	dollars ($)
Domestic	521,367	$ 10,427
Small General	0	$ -
General	161,486	$ 3,230
Large General	0	$ -
Small Industrial	0	$ -
Medium Industrial	0	$ -
Large Industrial	0	$ -
Municipal	0	$ -
Total[2]	682,853	$ 13,657

Notes:

1. CSECR credits remitted from March 1, 2025 to December 23, 2025. Please also refer to Note 2.

2. The difference in total amounts of energy between that reported in item 1 and reported in item 3 is due to Project 1 being in operation from November 20, 2024 to February 28, 2025 and selling its output to NS Power, prior to the Board's approval of the CSP PPA and the CSECR (the mechanism with which credits are issued to subscribers).

3. Refers to the totals since the first Project began operation (in November 2024); this includes energy purchased under the interim arrangement and the CSP PPA at the same Energy Rate.

4. The total amount of energy purchased and total cost for energy purchased in the Reporting Year is measured to, and including, December 23, 2025 as the daily meter data from this Project is not currently able to be retrieved remotely as a result of the cyber incident. Energy generated December 24 to December 31, 2025 will be included in the 2026 Report.

Request IR-2:

Refer to M12686 Exhibit N-1 Community Solar Program – 2025 Report, page 3 of 4, which states:

> **"On March 7, 2025, the Department of Energy approved three Community Solar Projects and issued PPAs for those projects. These projects did not achieve commercial operation in the reporting year and therefore, no subscription- or CSECR-related data is provided in Attachment 1."**

(a) Will the available capacity for this program increase once the three projects that were issued PPAs begin commercial operations?

(b) Which of these three projects' owners have signed their PPA?

(c) Please confirm NS Power's current best estimate of when these three projects will begin commercial operations and provide an explanation for the reason for the delay.

Response IR-2:

(a) Yes, consistent with provisions of the *Community Solar Program Regulations*,[1] the available capacity to new subscribers increases as more projects are accepted into the Program. The output of this capacity is made available to subscribers once Projects begin commercial operation.

(b) Power Purchase Agreements are issued by the Minister of Energy pursuant to s. 11(5) of the *Electricity Act*,[2] which provides that the "Minister may issue a power purchase agreement to an approved project owner and Nova Scotia Power is bound by the terms of

[1] Section 22 of the CSP Regulations provides, "A project owner whose project has been approved by the Minister and who has been issued a power purchase agreement may begin to recruit subscribers for their project, but a subscription is not active until the commercial operation date."
[2] S.N.S. 2025, c. 18, Sch.

the agreement." The form of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) that has been issued by the Minister pursuant to this provision does not include a signature page and as such the PPAs do not have signatures applied by the project owners. These PPAs are nevertheless considered operative by NS Power by virtue of the above-noted legislation.

(c) Under the Program NS Power does not install, own, operate, or manage any CSP solar garden and, in addition to the information provided in parts (a) and (b) and in SBA IR-3 part (d), the Project Owner is ultimately the driver of commercial operation timelines. Please also refer to NSEB IR-5 part (a) and SNS IR-2 part (g).

Request IR-3:

Refer to M12686 Exhibit N-1 Community Solar Program – 2025 Report, page 3 of 4, which states:

> **"On January 20, 2026, NS Power notified the five low-income Solar Garden Rate Rider (SGRR) subscribers of the option to transition to CSP and provided an explanation of the timing and availability of this option, in accordance with the Board's M12178 directive. While, at present, there is no available capacity for new subscribers to CSP solar gardens, the Company committed to keeping low-income SGRR subscribers informed, including providing these customers with details on how to apply, as more information becomes available."**

(a) What time frame for availability for the option to transition did NS Power provide these five low-income SGRR subscribers? This year (2026) or a later time frame?

(b) Does this statement combined with the previous quote mean that NS Power intends to supply these five low-income SGRR subscribers by switching them over to these three solar projects once they have achieved commercial operations?

(c) Does NS Power have access to other solar generation projects that could provide service to the low-income SGRR customers now?

(d) What is NS Power's understanding of these projects about the status of their PPAs and interconnection agreements with NSPI's system?

(e) Does NS Power have any liability under the PPA for projects that have not reached commercial operations yet? If so, please explain.

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Response IR-3:

(a) At the time of notification to Solar Garden Rate Rider (SGRR) subscribers, there was no available capacity for SGRR subscribers to transfer to the Program. As such, the Company did not provide a timeline for this option. Instead, NS Power committed to continue to keep low-income SGRR subscribers informed as new available capacity became available. On March 18, 2026, the Company provided an update on the recent opening of an interest list intake for the Minister-approved Projects under development. Details are available at https://www.airenewable.ca/subscribers/.

(b) Please refer to part (a) and the response in SBA IR-1 part (b).

(c) No. The only solar generation project under NS Power ownership is the Amherst Solar Garden, governed by the SGRR.

(d) Please refer to SBA IR-2 for the details related to the Program Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). For interconnection-related details, please refer to Interconnection Request number IR746, IR751, and IR769 at https://www.nspower.ca/docs/default-source/pdf-to-upload/nspi-combined-interconnection-request-queue(pdf).pdf?sfvrsn=d56d149_100, and the Company's response to SNS IR-1 and SNS IR-2.

(e) In general, NS Power does not have liabilities under the CSP PPAs prior to the "Commercial Operation Date," as defined in the PPA. The exception to this would be the liability, or obligation, to take delivery of and purchase the Net Output of the facility during the "Interim Period" (i.e. the period commencing on the date of the Project's interconnection to the Electrical System and ending on the Commercial Operation Date).