



February 18, 2026

Crystal Henwood

Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk of the Board

Nova Scotia Energy Board

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Re: M12686 – Community Solar Program 2025 Report Intervenor Comments on Confidentiality (Solar Nova Scotia)

Dear Ms. Henwood,

On behalf of Solar Nova Scotia (“SNS”), we provide the following comments regarding Nova Scotia Power’s request for confidential treatment of Attachment 1 to its 2025 Community Solar Program Report, as referenced in the Board’s February 6, 2026 letter.

Solar Nova Scotia represents solar developers, installers, and industry stakeholders participating in or seeking to participate in the Community Solar Program. Our members are directly affected by how transparent and predictable this program is.

The Community Solar Program is established by regulation and relies on Ministerial discretion to set final PPA rates. It is not a competitive market-clearing procurement. In that context, SNS respectfully submits that awarded PPA energy rates should not be treated as broadly confidential absent clear and specific evidence of serious competitive harm.



The program ultimately affects ratepayers and public policy objectives. Transparency in awarded rates supports accountability, market confidence, and efficient capital formation. Developers and investors rely on visible benchmarks to assess risk and cost of capital.

This concern is not theoretical. In November 2025, Solar Nova Scotia submitted a “What We Heard” summary to Nova Scotia Department of Energy of a province-wide Community Solar Roundtable attended by more than 140 stakeholders. Participants consistently identified the need for clearer benchmarks, greater predictability, and improved transparency to reduce financing risk and strengthen market confidence.

In our view, appropriate disclosure of awarded PPA rates advances rather than undermines the long-term success of the program.

SNS recognizes that discrete, genuinely proprietary information may warrant protection where specific harm can be demonstrated. However, broad confidentiality over awarded rates or general program information would not, in our respectful submission, meet the required evidentiary threshold.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Brushett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Brushett P.Eng

Chair, Solar Nova Scotia

On behalf of the SNS Board of Directors