

March 2, 2026

Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board
Nova Scotia Energy Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
Halifax, NS B3J 3S3

**Re: M12686 Community Solar Program 2025 Report – NS Power Reply
regarding Confidentiality Treatment**

Dear Ms. Henwood:

Nova Scotia Power (NS Power, Company) submitted the Community Solar Program (CSP, Program) 2025 Report on January 30, 2026, which included confidential Attachment 1. In accordance with the Nova Scotia Energy Board's (NSEB, Board) direction,¹ the Company filed additional evidence and information on its requested confidentiality treatment on February 20, 2026.

Solar Nova Scotia (SNS) and the Industrial Group (IG) filed comments regarding confidentiality on February 18 and February 26, respectively. The Board-established timeline provided for NS Power to provide reply comments by March 2. The Company provides this correspondence as its reply to SNS and IG comments.

Attachment 1 was initially filed as electronic only. The confidential designation of the entire attachment was an inadvertent consequence of the electronic-only submission, which did not allow for a practicable public version without risk of revealing energy rate derivable information. Upon further consideration, continuing to file the electronic excel version as confidential was still required, but providing a redacted PDF allowed for non-confidential materials to be provided on the public record.

On February 20, NS Power filed a partially confidential PDF of Attachment 1 that limited redactions to those items for which confidential treatment is requested. Attachment 2 of that submission included a letter from the Department of Energy (DOE, Department) in which DOE indicated its support of NS Power's request to maintain confidentiality over cost-related information while intake remains active,

¹ M12686 – Board Letter, 327718, page 2. February 6, 2026.

given the competitive nature of the intake evaluation and Ministerial decision framework.²

SNS' submission seeks broader public disclosure of awarded PPA rates.³ The IG's submission observed that "had NSPI filed a pdf with limited redactions at the outset, it may not have been called upon to further justify the limited redaction proposed"⁴ and that "NSPI's practice of filing an entire spreadsheet in confidence rather than providing a public version edited for the limited row, column or cells which need to be redacted has led to a lack of transparency."⁵ The IG encouraged NS Power "file both versions at the outset, to comply with the statutory requirement to limit redactions to that which is necessary."⁶

The Company appreciates the parties submissions. In response to the matters raised by SNS and the IG, NS Power will, in consultation with the Department (as the Program administrator), reassess the scope of confidentiality for future reports as additional facilities become operational. The Company will also file both partially confidential and public versions of Attachment 1 in future reports, limiting redactions to no more than necessary.

The Company respectfully requests the Board grant confidential treatment to the "Total Cost for the Purchased Energy under the Program's Power Purchase Agreements" figures, as reflected in Partially Confidential Attachment 1 as filed in NS Power's February 20, 2026 submission.

Yours truly,



Karynne Munroe
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

² Specifically, the Department's letter provides "Maintaining confidentiality of power purchase rates remains essential to protecting the integrity of this competitive intake process," "[...] the public interest in maintaining a competitive intake process outweighs the benefits of disclosing financial details, particularly while the intake remains active," and "For these reasons, the Department supports Nova Scotia Power's request for confidentiality over cost-related information in Attachment 1 of the 2025 Report."

³ At page 1, SNS provided "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."

⁴ M12686 – IG Comments, page 1. February 26, 2026.

⁵ M12686 – IG Comments, page 2.

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