

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: *The Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c.380, as amended

IN THE MATTER OF: **NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED's 2025
Community Solar Program Report**

INFORMATION REQUESTS
(NON-CONFIDENTIAL)

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From: Small Business Advocate

Responses Due: March 30, 2026

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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.

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.

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.”

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- 2 a) What time frame for availability for the option to transition did NS Power provide these
- 3 five low-income SGRR subscribers? This year (2026) or a later time frame?
- 4 b) Does this statement combined with the previous quote mean that NS Power intends to
- 5 supply these five low-income SGRR subscribers by switching them over to these three
- 6 solar projects once they have achieved commercial operations?
- 7 c) Does NS Power have access to other solar generation projects that could provide service
- 8 to the low-income SGRR customers now?
- 9 d) What is NS Power's understanding of these projects about the status of their PPAs and
- 10 interconnection agreements with NSPI's system?
- 11 e) Does NS Power have any liability under the PPA for projects that have not reached
- 12 commercial operations yet? If so, please explain.
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