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NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

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

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IN THE MATTER OF: Nova Scotia Power Incorporated's Community Solar Program
– 2025 Report

INFORMATION REQUESTS

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Responses Due: March 30, 2026

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Request IR-1:

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.”

Refer also to M12686, Exhibit N-2, Community Solar Program 2025 Report Attachment 1, Page 1 of 6.

For each approved Community Solar Project, please provide:

- a) the date the interconnection request was received;
- b) the date the interconnection request was deemed complete;
- c) the date the Preliminary Assessment was issued;
- d) whether the Preliminary Assessment identified distribution upgrades, transmission impacts, or both;
- e) the date any Distribution System Impact Study commenced and the dates any draft and final Distribution System Impact Study were issued, if applicable;
- f) the date any interconnection agreement was executed, if applicable;
- g) the current expected commercial operation date; and
- h) for any project not yet in commercial operation, the principal interconnection-related item still outstanding.

Request IR-2:

Please provide, on an aggregated basis for Community Solar Projects received to December 31, 2025:

- a) the average, median, minimum, and maximum number of days from a complete interconnection request to issuance of a Preliminary Assessment;
- b) the average, median, minimum, and maximum number of days from commencement of a Distribution System Impact Study to issuance of a draft Distribution System Impact Study;
- c) the average, median, minimum, and maximum number of days from completion of the final interconnection study to execution of an interconnection agreement;
- d) the average, median, minimum, and maximum initial Distribution System Impact Study deposit;
- e) the average, median, minimum, and maximum final Distribution System Impact Study cost;
- f) the range of any additional deposits requested or refunds issued; and
- g) the reasons for delays beyond NS Power’s internal target or expected timelines, grouped by



category.

Request IR-3:

Please describe the methodology and update frequency for NS Power's public hosting-capacity information.

Please also provide:

- a) whether NS Power retains historical snapshots of the public hosting-capacity information;
- b) for each approved Community Solar Project, whether the public hosting-capacity information available at the time of application indicated available capacity;
- c) for each approved Community Solar Project, whether the subsequent Preliminary Assessment or Distribution System Impact Study identified distribution upgrades, transmission impacts, or both; and
- d) where the answer to both (b) and (c) indicates a difference, a high-level explanation for that difference.

Request IR-4:

Refer to M12686, Exhibit N-2, Community Solar Program 2025 Report Attachment 1, Pages 2 of 6 and 6 of 6.

Please provide the average, median, minimum, and maximum time in 2025 required by NS Power to:

- a) determine subscriber eligibility;
- b) enroll a new community solar subscriber;
- c) process a change in subscription size or a subscriber removal; and
- d) apply the first Community Solar Energy Credit Rider credit after subscriber enrollment.

Please also identify:

- e) any internal target or service level used for the activities in parts (a) to (d); and
- f) any billing-system, meter-data, or data-exchange constraint that affected these activities in 2025.

Request IR-5:

Refer to NS Power's 2024 Commercial Net Metering Annual Report, Attachment 1.



1 Please explain why the Community Solar Program 2025 Report did not include analogous
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3 with respect to:

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5 a) project or application stage;
6 b) DGIP stage;
7 c) interconnection milestone dates;
8 d) processing times; and
9 e) average study, deposit, or upgrade-cost metrics.

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11 Please also state:

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13 f) whether NS Power maintains any of the information listed in parts (a) to (e) for Community
14 Solar Projects; and
15 g) for any information maintained, whether NS Power could include that information in future
16 Community Solar Program annual reports on a public basis and, if not, why not.
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