

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: *The Electricity Act, S.N.S. 2004, c. 25, as amended.*

IN THE MATTER OF: A review of Nova Scotia Power Incorporated's 2025 Annual
Report for the Commercial Net Metering Program in accordance
with the Electricity Act and Section 37C(1) of the *Renewable
Electricity Regulations*

INFORMATION REQUESTS
(NON-CONFIDENTIAL)

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Responses Due: May 26, 2026

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1 **Request IR-1:**

2 Refer to M12782, Exhibit N-1, Nova Scotia Power Incorporated (“NS Power”). Commercial Net
3 Metering Program – 2025 Annual Report, March 31, 2026, (the “2025 Report”), Section 3.2
4 Updates & Refinements to Hosting Capacity Analysis, page 12 of 13, at lines 4-8, which states:

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6 The timing of restoration for the hosting capacity data and map is dependent on the GIS
7 recovery timeline and the associated integrations between GIS and CYME software. GIS
8 service restoration work continues with the necessary integrations required to restore
9 hosting capacity targeted for restoration toward the end of Q2 2026, at which point, the
10 Company will be in a position to assess the timing for completion of planned
11 enhancements.
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- 13 a) Please explain and, if possible, illustrate with a timeline, those steps to be completed to
14 achieve the restoration of hosting capacity and related maps by the end of Q2 2026.
15 b) Does the phrase “toward the end of Q2 2026” refer to the “necessary integrations” or the
16 “GIS service restoration work”?
17 c) What is the likelihood that the necessary integrations following GIS restoration will extend
18 beyond Q3 2026 and what are NS Power’s plans to prevent this from happening?
19 d) What is CYME software and please identify in what filing, either this matter or any of the
20 other matters cited in this Report, (or in the update provided to the FAM SWG) was the
21 CYME software included as part of the critical path to restoration of CNMP GIS and
22 hosting capacity functionality?
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25 **Request IR-2:**

26 Refer to the “2025 Report” on page 12 of 13, at line 12, in Section 3.3 Planned or Pending CNMP
27 Improvements there is the first of two references to the “response to question 23”, and the second
28 is in Section 3.4 Additional Statistics & Reporting under the RE Regulations, on page 12 of 13 at
29 line 27.
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- 31 a) Please provide the specific reference within the exhibit and matter number for each of these
32 references to “question 23”, as the text and footnote in the Report references two different
33 matters: M10872 and M11872.
34 b) Does this reference to “question 23” refer to the Q&A included on page 13 of M10872 Exhibit
35 N-9 Synapse evidence? If so, does this 2025 Report provide a list of all the planned or pending
36 improvements in the net metering program and their delivery dates as requested on lines 32-
37 33 of the Synapse evidence?
38 c) What is the status of the integration of AMI data, referenced on page 12 of 13 lines 1-2 of the
39 2025 Report and is this part of the Synapse list of improvements?
40 d) Is the statement, on page 12 of 13 at lines 20-21 of the 2025 Report, “(O)ther than the hosting
41 capacity analysis updates and refinement described in the prior section, the Company does not
42 have any planned or pending CNMP improvements to report” consistent with the Synapse
43 recommendations and related Board directives?
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Request IR-3:

Refer to M12782, Exhibit N-1(i), NS Power 2025 Commercial Net Metering Report, Appendix A EO, (the “2025 Report Appendix A”), which includes two tabs entitled “2025 CNMP Applications” and “2025 CNMP In Progress” and answer the following questions:

- a) Does each row entry in each tab correspond to a unique CNMP project and application or could each row reference a group of projects intended to be reviewed as a cluster?
- b) In the 2025 CNMP Applications tab showing all the applications for service received as having status in Column G as “In Service”, what is the difference between those applications with no entry in Column E “DGIP Stage” and those rows showing “DGIP Stage” as “DGIP Complete”?
- c) What other analyses must be completed by NS Power for those projects that are in service but have a blank entry for “DGIP Stage”? Has service been provided to these projects yet?
- d) For the projects listed in the 2025 CNMP In Progress tab, what is the expected In-Service Date or year / quarter for Column H and what are the main reasons for delay other than due to restoration of GIS software following the Cyber event?

Request IR-4:

Refer to M12782, Exhibit N-1(i), the 2025 Report Appendix A, and the two tabs entitled “2025 CNMP Applications” and “2025 CNMP In Progress” and answer the following questions:

- a) Please confirm that as of today only one project or row entry in each of these two tabs has battery storage included in its application for service for Commercial-General or Commercial-Small General.
- b) The first tab, “2025 CNMP Summary”, in cell T28, list 3 Active Interconnected BES - are these results for 2024-2025 cumulatively?
- c) Is this battery storage located behind the meter?
- d) How does the inclusion of battery storage impact the timing for completion of NS Power’s DGIP review process or interconnection study? Please provide explanations of the specific impacts with your answer to this question.
- e) What does Column O “Applying Aggregation” in tab “2025 CNMP In Progress” mean with respect to the projects System Status and Application Stage?
- f) Are any of the Feeders listed in Column M “Feeder No.” included among NS Power’s list of problem feeders in past annual performance reports?

1 **Request IR-5:**

2 Refer to M12782, Exhibit N-1, the 2025 Report, page 13 of 13 at lines 11 -16, which states:

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4 The CNMP estimated contribution to 2025 RES and a RECs status update (i.e. number of
5 opt-ins and annual REC volumes) is provided in **Appendix A**. [Emphasis in original]
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7 Consistent with prior reports, interconnection requests for which no CNMP Application
8 have been received are excluded from the data set. This is due primarily to the staging for
9 Interconnection requests and CNMP applications, particularly for Class 2 applicants where
10 the interconnection request could be for a number of program options and the requirement
11 to identify the specific program comes at a later stage in the process.
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- 13 a) What are the program options that these Class 2 applicants may be considering and by what
14 stage or timing do they have to notify NS Power of their choice?
15 b) What is meant by the reference “Consistent with prior reports”? Does this refer to
16 applicants in the past considering the program options and if so, how many applicants is
17 NS Power aware of that were in this situation?
18 c) How does Exhibit N-1(i), 2025 Report Appendix A, show the impact of not only RES but
19 also on peak and seasonal demand to the benefit of other customer classes?
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