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Dear Ms. Myatt:

M12842 – Nova Scotia Power Inc. – CI C0083591 – IR746 – Petpeswick Community Solar - \$0 (U&U)

The Board has reviewed the application of Nova Scotia Power (NS Power) dated May 4, 2026. NS Power requested Board approval for IR746 Petpeswick Community Solar. The application noted the Community Solar Project will pay the actual costs incurred by NS Power, and all work will be performed in accordance with NS Power's standard practices.

Board staff issued Information Requests (IRs) on May 22, 2026, to which NS Power responded on June 12, 2026. A request for confidentiality, pursuant to Rule 12 of the Board Regulatory Rules, was submitted by NS Power on May 4, 2026, regarding the application and on June 12, 2026, regarding IR-4 Attachments 1 and 2. The Board approved NS Power's request for these confidentiality requests.

In response to the Board's IR-3, which asked NS Power to confirm whether the interconnection contract specifies that construction overruns, delay damages, permitting deficiencies, financing shortfalls, and site-control failures are the developer's responsibility and not recoverable from NS Power's ratepayers, the utility provided a copy of the executed Purchase Power Agreement (PPA). It highlighted the relevant sections outlining the costs incurred and the project developer's responsibility to bear them.

An excerpt from the utility's response to IR-3 is provided below:

The cost responsibility for distribution connected generation projects under the Government of Nova Scotia's Community Solar Program is outlined in Article 5 of the Standard Small Generator Interconnection and Operating Agreement. An excerpt from section 5.1.1 of the SSGIA states "The Interconnection Customer will be solely responsible to pay the actual costs incurred by the Distribution Provider in respect of the purchase, construction and maintenance, and all related activity provided for in this Agreement".

In response to IR-7, the utility stated that the network upgrades included in this project are for the sole benefit of the solar generator interconnection customer. All costs for the upgrade are the responsibility of the interconnection customer. In addition, this project is part of the Province's Community Solar Program (CSP); as such, customers (including the Project Owner) may subscribe to energy from this generator and receive a bill credit in accordance with the *Community Solar Program Regulations* and the terms of the Board approved Community Solar Energy Credit Rider (M11911).

The Board approved the standard-form PPA for the Community Solar Program in Matter M11903. Upon reviewing the application and the PPAs, the Board has concluded that ratepayers will not be responsible for the capital costs associated with the project.

Based on the information provided, this letter confirms that the Board approves NS Power's request in the amount of \$0 with respect to this capital expenditure request.

Yours very truly,



Darlene Willcott, LL.B.
Member





NSEB APPROVAL SHEET

Project Title: IR746 Petpeswick Community Solar

CI Number: C0083591

Date: May 4, 2026

Expenditure Profile			Type of Filing	
Year	Budget Amount	Project Estimate	☐	Capital Project Authorization
2026		437,946	☒	Unforeseen and Unbudgeted (U&U)
2026		(437,946)	☐	Planned & Advanced (P&A)
2027		813,131	☐	Subsequent Approval Item
2027		(813,131)	☐	Authorization to Overspend (ATO)
			☐	Scope Change
			☐	Final Cost (FIN)
Total	\$0	\$0		

COMMENTS

Submitted on behalf of NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED

Approved on behalf of NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

Authorized Signatory
Dave Pickles
Chief Operating Officer

DATE
May 4, 2026

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July 6, 2026