NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by the **BERWICK ELECTRIC COMMISSION** for approval to amend its Schedule of Rates for Electric Supply to allow it to flow through changes in its purchased power costs to its customers

BEFORE: Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair

ORDER

On July 15, 2026, the Berwick Electric Commission applied to the Nova Scotia Energy Board, for approval to amend its Schedule of Rates for Electric Supply and Services using its approved flow-through mechanism.

The Board issued a Decision and Order on July 29, 2026, approving the proposed rates, effective August 1, 2026, but directed the utility to file updated tariffs that included the approved rates.

The Berwick Electric Commission submitted the updated tariffs to the Board on August 4, 2026.

The Board approves the updated Schedule of Rates for Electric Supply and Services, attached to this order as Schedule "A", effective August 1, 2026.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 11th day of August 2026.

Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board

SCHEDULE A

BERWICK ELECTRIC COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR ELECTIC SUPPY & SERVICES

(Effective for services rendered on and after August 1, 2026)

RATES

The rates set out below are the rates for electric supply and service when payment is made within 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill.

Bills which are not paid within 30 days will be subject to fill interest rate of 1.5% per month or part thereof to a maximum of 19.56% per year.

Each bill shall show the amount payable by the due date as shown on the bill and the interest rate of 1.5% per month or part thereof which is charged on amom1ts unpaid after the due date.

"Purchased Power Cost Changes, including Demand-Side Management ("DSM") charges"

In order to recover costs due to power purchase changes and upon notice by the Berwick Electric Commission ("BEC") to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, (the "Board"), the Board may amend the Rates for Domestic service, Small General, General, Domestic Service Time-of-Day (Optional), Industrial, Street Lighting, Yard Lighting, and Other Lighting and Miscellaneous Small Loads, based on the following formula, without the necessity of a public hearing.

A / B = C

A	=	Estimated change in all purchased power costs, including DSM;
B	=	Estimated revenue from rate classes (excluding any estimated revenue from base charges);
C	=	% change required to BEC energy and demand rates to recover changes in power purchase costs.

To calculate (A), the estimated change in all power purchased costs, including DSM, BEC will use the following procedure:

Step 1 – Use the BEC's most recent projection of sales, losses, production, and purchases in the spreadsheet SALES ~ HYDRO ~ w ~ w Budget, produced annually during BEC's budgeting process to calculate the Total Required Energy by source of purchased power (e.g. excluding self-generation), the Total Cost of such purchased power, and the cent/kWh Cost of purchased power.

Step 2 – Calculate the difference between the cent/kWh Cost in Step 1 and the cent/kWh Cost of purchased power used in setting existing rates in Step 2.

Step 3 – Multiply the difference in Step 2 by the Total Required Energy to be served by purchased power (e.g. excluding self-generation) in the Test Year to determine the estimated change in all purchased power costs for the Test Year.

Where the kWh (energy) portion of street and yard lighting or small unmetered charges is incorporated into a monthly charge then the charge for the energy portion shall be adjusted by the change and the result incorporated into the monthly charge. For street and yard lighting the energy portion of such charges shall be as represented in NSPI's current Rates and Regulations, and where no monthly kWh value is available, upon the calculated monthly energy.

In the event a new source of purchased power forms part of the Test Year, or an existing power purchase agreement for a source of purchased power has been amended since the Board's approval of existing rates, the Board may grant the flow-through requested following its review of the updated information without the necessity of a public hearing, subject to the Board reserving the right to conduct a review to assure such Test Year purchased power costs are reasonable and prudent. Following consideration of such review (if any), the Board may make such adjustments (with interest if appropriate) as it may find necessary.

Where, in the absence of a General Rate Application, an increase for any customer class of more than 10 percent compared with the rate payable in the prior year is caused by the application of the flow-through procedures, the Board should consider appropriate measures to assist customers.

<u>Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) Adjustments due to Fuel Adjustment Mechanism ("FAM")</u>

In order to recover FAM adjustments due to NSPI approved FAM adjustments and upon notice by BEC to the Board, the Board may amend the kilowatt hour rates for all classes based on the following, without the necessity of a public hearing.

D = the FAM adjustment to be rebated to or recovered from BEC during the Test Year and

E = the projected total sales to all BEC customers from BEC's most recent projection of sales in the Spreadsheet and

D / E = F where F is the cents/kWh FAM adjustment to be applied to the kWh rates for BEC customers.

The rates shown in this Schedule shall be those adjusted by the FAM and the amount of the FAM adjustment F shall be shown in all rates.

For street lighting, yard lighting, other lighting and miscellaneous small loads, the rates shown in this Schedule shall be those adjusted by the FAM.

Where the kWh (energy) portion of street and yard lighting or small unmetered charges is incorporated into a monthly charge then the charge for the energy portion shall be adjusted by the change and the result incorporated into the monthly charge. For street and yard lighting the energy portion of such charges shall be as represented in NSPI's current Rates and Regulations, and where no monthly kWh value is available, upon the calculated monthly energy.

DOMESTIC SERVICE

Service Charge:	$20.6525 per month.
Energy Rate:	$0.1845 per kilowatt hour for all consumption.
DSM Rider:	$0.00 per kilowatt hour for all consumption (included in energy rate above).
Minimum Bill:	$20.6525 per month.

SMALL GENERAL

Service Charge:	$19.0568 per month.
Energy Rate:	$0.1859 per kilowatt hour for all consumption.
Minimum Bill:	$19.0568 per month.

GENERAL SERVICE

Demand Charge:	$21.5256 per month of maximum demand.
Energy Rate:	$0.1316 per kilowatt hour for all consumption.
Minimum Bill:	$21.5256 per month.

OFF PEAK CHARGING RATE

The rate is available to customers entitled to receive energy at the Domestic Rate as set out in Section 73 (3) of the *Public Utilities Act*, which Section is reproduced below.

"(3) Subject to subsection (4), the rate or charge for electric energy supplied by an electric public utility to a customer that is a senior citizens' club, service club, volunteer fire department, a Royal Canadian Legion, community hall or recreational facility owned by a community and used for general community purposes, a charitable or religious organization shall be at a rate or charge not in excess of the domestic rate."

And who have installed energy storage equipment with a minimum of 500 KWH storage and Minimum 200 KW charge/discharge capacity and agree that the BEC shall have the right to manage charging and discharging of the equipment for purposes of load control and peak demand management.

Should the BEC on any given calendar day discharge more energy than the customer's own usage, the customer will be compensated for that energy at the Off Peak Rate.

Service Charge:	$23.7212 per month.
Energy Charge:	$0.1845 per kilowatt hour for energy between hour ending $0.1413 per kilowatt hour for energy between hour ending 0100 to hour ending 0630.
Minimum Bill:	$23.7212 per month

DOMESTIC SERVICE TIME-OF-DAY RATE (OPTIONAL)

Base Charge:	$23.7212

Energy Charge:

December, January and February

07:00 am to 01:00 pm	$0.3358 per kilowatt hour
01:00 pm to 04:00 pm	$0.1845 per kilowatt hour
04:00 pm to 10:00 pm	$0.3358 per kilowatt hour
10:00 pm to 07:00 am	$0.1312 per kilowatt hour

The above rates apply weekdays (Monday to Friday inclusive) excluding statutory holidays. For Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays, all consumption will be billed at the rate of $0.1312 per kilowatt hour.

March to November

07:00 am to 10:00 pm	$0.1845 per kilowatt hour
10:00 pm to 07:00 am	$0.1312 per kilowatt hour

The above rates apply weekdays (Monday to Friday inclusive) excluding statutory holidays. For Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays all consumption will be billed at the rate of $0.1312 per kilowatt hour.

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE:

The minimum monthly charge shall be $23.7212.

AVAILABILITY:

This rate is only available to customers employing Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) equipment and electric in-floor radiant (i.e. hydronic) heating systems utilizing time shifting technology approved by the Utility.

GENERAL DEMAND TIME-OF-USE RATE (OPTIONAL)

The rate is available to customers meeting the availability criteria of the General Demand rate class who install heat storage systems and controls to enable time shifting of heating and other loads.

Customers choosing to take this rate are required to remain on this rate for one year following the date of inception. One month's notice is required prior to the anniversary date to revert to the General Demand rate. If such notice is not given, it is understood the customer is committing to another 12-month period on the rate. Date of initial service under this rate must be after March 1 and prior to December 1.

Customers taking service under this rate will be billed for energy and demand at the same rates as under the General Demand rate. However, demand charges for demand peaks set outside of the winter peak period and exceeding the winter peak demand period will be discounted. The winter peak demand shall be the maximum demand recorded during winter peak hours; that is non-holiday week days between the hours of 7:00 AM and 11:00 PM during the months of December, January and February. The customer's winter peak demand will be as determined using the highest 15 minute interval data recorded by BEC metering times 4. This winter peak demand will be ratcheted for the succeeding eleven months. Outside of winter peak hours, demand in excess of the ratcheted winter peak demand will be billed at the difference between $6.82 and the BEC General Demand Rate to account for Berwick's billing demand costs, plus 15% to account for power factor, demand losses, and administration.

BEC staff shall be given the opportunity to inspect the storage and control systems to ensure Canadian Electrical Code compliance and to be satisfied the systems will perform as intended. If BEC staff are not confident the systems will perform as intended they may decline to offer the rate.

GENERAL DEMAND PEAK CO-INCIDENCE RATE (OPTIONAL)

The rate is available to customers meeting the availability criteria of the General Demand rate class who install heat storage systems and/or controls to enable load shedding upon receipt of a signal sent by electronic means by BEC'S peak shaving software. Customers choosing to take this rate are required to remain on this rate for one year following the date of inception. One month's notice is required prior to the anniversary date to revert to the General Demand rate. If such notice is not given, it is understood the customer is committing to another 12-month period on the rate. Date of initial service under this rate must be after March 1 and prior to December 1.

Customers taking service under this rate will be billed for energy and demand at the same rates as under the General Demand rate.

Customers choosing to take this rate will be sent a Demand Control signal when the BEC system is approaching a peak demand defense point during the winter peak period. The winter peak period is all hours between 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM on non-holiday weekdays during December, January, and February. The customer will then be expected to reduce load, until another signal to restore load is sent by BEC. The number and duration of demand control intervals will be limited as set out below.

Customers will receive a demand control credit equal to the customer's demand reduction measured in kilowatts, co-incident with the BEC's winter peak, times 85% BEC's Demand costs. For clarity the formula is:

Demand reduction in kW x ($6.82 x .85) x 12

The customer's demand reduction shall be as reflected in interval data recorded by BEC metering and the BEC winter peak will be the current forecast 7500kW.

Each November BEC establishes a peak demand defense point, based on the experience of the previous winter and known and predicted changes to the system. Factorydale hydro is dispatched to defend this demand defense point and the point may be adjusted over the winter peak period if the demand defense point is exceeded. BEC shall set the initial demand defense point at a reasonable level using best judgment and forecasting, and shall dispatch all of its own resources prior to issuing demand control signals; the demand defense point shall not be lower than 90% of the forecasted level.

BEC staff shall be given the opportunity to inspect the storage and control systems to ensure Canadian Electrical Code compliance and to be satisfied the systems will perform as intended. If BEC staff are not confident the systems will perform as intended they may decline to offer the rate.

Demand control intervals shall not exceed 8 hours in duration and 12 hours in any calendar day, and the number of demand control intervals shall not exceed 8 intervals in each of December, January, and February.

INDUSTRIAL

Demand Charge: Energy Charge: DSM Rider: $18.8877 charge per month per kilovolt ampere of maximum demand.

Energy Charge: $0.1236 charge per kilowatt hour for the first 100 kilowatt hours per month per kilovolt ampere of maximum demand.

Voltage Adjustment: Where a customer takes service under this rate and where the metering point is at 4kV or higher voltage, energy consumption shall be reduced by 1.75% for billing purposes.

Demand Reduction Rider

Where it can be shown, that a customer, with 6 out of 12 monthly billing demands in the calendar year in excess of 1000 kVA, has contributed through a concentrated effort at reducing his winter peak demands at a time co-incident with the Utility's peak demand requirement, to a reduction in the Utility's billing peak established with NSPI, any resultant savings to the Utility shall be shared on a 50/50 basis with said customer. To qualify, the average of the customer's monthly billing demands in the months of December, January, February must amount to no more than 80% of the average in the following July/August/September (1600 kVA versus 2000 MVA for example). The Utility will work closely with the customer to co- ordinate the time co-incident requirement of this rider. The savings will be applied to the customer bills for the months of October and November and shown as equal credits on the bills. The savings will be calculated based on rates in effect at the time the demand reduction took place and reflected as a "Demand Reduction Credit".

Import Electricity Rebate:

The Utility will undertake good faith efforts to purchase imported electricity when it is more economic to make such purchases than to purchase the same amount of electricity from NSPI. The Utility shall provide a monthly Import Electricity Rebate (the “Rebate”) to customers taking service under this Industrial Rate to account for any such economic purchases. The monthly Rebate shall be determined by calculating the differential between (i) the total cost that the Utility would have otherwise incurred had it purchased that same amount of electricity from NSPI.

The monthly Rebate will be provided to individual customers taking service under this Industrial Rate in proportion to the percentage of each customer’s usage under this Industrial Rate. The amount of Rebate to be paid to individual customers pursuant to this mechanism shall be capped at the point at which the amount paid by the customer to the Utility for electricity service for the previous 12 months is equal to the amount that would have been paid by the customer in the same period if it was a customer of NSPI and had made its payments for electricity pursuant to the applicable NSPI tariff. The customer’s monthly bill will show the calculation of the Rebate.

STREET LIGHTING

(Lamps burning 4,000 hours per year, lighting system supplied and maintained by the commission, consisting of luminaries' bracket-mounted on existing wood poles and energized from existing secondary circuits).

88 watt LED streetlight	$16.3823 per lamp per month

CROSSWALK LIGHTING

(Crosswalk lighting: fixtures supplied by the Town of Berwick; power, energy and maintenance supplied by the Commission.)

40 watt fluorescent fixture	$11.5089 per fixture per month
400 watt fluorescent fixture	$45.0058 per fixture per month

YARD LIGHTING

(Lamps burning 4,000 hours per year, lighting system supplied and maintained by the Commission, consisting of luminaries' bracket-mounted on existing wood poles and energized from existing secondary circuits.)

55 watt LED yard light	$11.9805 per lamp per month
88 watt LED yard light	$16.3823 per lamp per month
125 watt mercury vapour	$14.5453 per lamp per month
175 watt mercury vapour	$19.4995 per lamp per month
250 watt mercury vapour	$24.4756 per lamp per month
400 watt mercury vapour	$34.5622 per lamp per month
400 watt mercury vapour floodlamp	$34.5622 per lamp per month
70 watt high pressure sodium lamp	$14.6978 per lamp per month
100 watt high pressure sodium lamp	$18.1465 per lamp per month
150 watt high pressure sodium lamp	$23.5160 per lamp per month
250 watt high pressure sodium lamp	$30.1584 per lamp per month
400 watt high pressure sodium floodlamp	$34.6427 per lamp per month
250 watt metal halide floodlamp	$24.5024 per lamp per month
250 watt high pressure sodium floodlamp	$24.5024 per lamp per month
400 watt MH halide floodlamp	$34.5622 per lamp per month
70 watt high pressure sodium cobra head	$16.8423 per lamp per month

OTHER LIGHTING & MISCELLANEOUS SMALL LOADS

(Applicable to street lighting, sign lighting and similar unmetered loads where demand, time of use and energy consumption are known and the Commission supplies power and energy only.)

<u>Demand Charge:</u>	$20.6393 per month per kilowatt.
<u>Energy Charge:</u>	$0.1329 per kilowatt-hour.