

September 23, 2026

Lisa Wallace
Clerk of the Board
Nova Scotia Energy Board
1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
Halifax, NS B3J 3S3

Re: M13034 – Communication with Jefferson Crabtree

Dear Ms. Wallace:

Further to NS Power's September 21, 2026 correspondence, the Company has confirmed with Chester Building Services that an exemption form must be submitted before power can be connected to the structure. Although the structure is less than 215 square feet, Chester Building Services has advised that the exemption process still applies where an electrical service connection is being requested. Attached as **Attachment 1** is the correspondence confirming this requirement, together with the exemption form provided by Chester Building Services.

In the interim, NS Power has continued to advance the work necessary to facilitate the requested service connection. A planner attended the site today, September 23, to assess and scope the work required. During the site visit, NS Power's planner reviewed the proposed pole locations to minimize impacts to the neighbouring property as much as possible while remaining within the Company's easement.

At this time, the next step in the process is for Mr. Crabtree to complete and submit the exemption form. Upon receipt of the completed documentation, NS Power will proceed with the remaining work necessary to complete the service installation, including undertaking the necessary tree trimming and scheduling the field resources required for the pole-setting and line-construction work. NS Power will expedite this work upon receipt of the completed exemption form and will complete the service connection as soon as reasonably practicable.

NS Power trusts that this update clarifies the current status of the matter and the remaining steps necessary to complete the service connection.

September 23, 2026
C. Henwood

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JR", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Jennifer Ross
Director, Regulatory Planning & Compliance

From: [Tammy Hamm](#)
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We do not require a building permit application, but an exemption form is required. (See attached.) The structure has to be built, and we then come out for an inspection to confirm the building is for storage purposes only and that there is no human habitation.

Tammy



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Subject: Building Permit Inquiry

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Good afternoon,

I am looking for clarification on Chester's building permit requirements for accessory buildings. If an accessory building is less than 215 square feet but will be connected to electrical service, is a building permit required? If not, is an exemption form required, or are neither required?

Thank you,

Derek Henderson | Resolve Specialist | Nova Scotia Power

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Building Permit Status for NSP Power Connection

NSP work order: _____ PID No: _____

Civic No: _____ Street: _____ Community: _____

Owner (print): _____ Contact No: _____

Owner Email: _____

Building Description (size) and Use: _____

By affixing my signature, I acknowledge the size and use of the structure to be as described above. Additionally, I acknowledge that further development or construction on or to this property, such as but not limited to; parking of a recreational vehicle (travel trailer, camper, tiny home on wheels, motor home) or constructing a recreational vehicle parking site, use of the building other than storage shed, increasing the size of the building, may require additional permitted approvals.

Owner: _____ Date: _____
Signature *mm/dd/yyyy*

Attention Nova Scotia Power

Email: home@nspower.ca ☐ Fax: 888-428-6108 ☐

A site visit of the building located on the above noted property indicates that:

- ☐ The building **requires** a Building Permit. Application must be made to the municipality before a building permit number may be issued.
- ☐ Per section 1.2.1.2. (2) (a) of the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations, a permit is not required for the building (Accessory buildings not greater than 20m² (215.2 ft²) in area).
- ☐ The building appears to have been constructed prior to the adoption of the Nova Scotia Building Code regulation. The building has not been issued a permit.
- ☐ The building will not be issued a Building Permit due to its compromised condition or the following:

NOTE: _____

As an Appointed Building Official of the Municipality of Chester, I confirm the above building status by site visit.

Print Name

Building Official Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)