



# NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOVA SCOTIA POWER INCORPORATED (NS Power)** has applied to the Board for rate changes by customer class as follows (amounts in brackets means a decrease):

	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027
<b>Domestic Service Tariff</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
<b>Small General Tariff</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>General Tariff</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.1)%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Large General Tariff</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>(4.4)%</b>	<b>(3.2)%</b>
<b>Small Industrial Tariff</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.4)%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Medium Industrial Tariff</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>(6.4)%</b>	<b>(4.8)%</b>
<b>Large Industrial Tariff *</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>(6.9)%</b>	<b>(4.7)%</b>
<b>Municipal Class</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Unmetered Class</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
<b>Total FAM Classes</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

\* For a breakdown of individual Large Industrial Tariff classes, refer to the application (Exhibit N-3, p.17).

The Fuel Adjustment Mechanism (FAM) and the Actual Adjustments (AA) or Balancing Adjustments (BA) is proposed to continue to operate in the normal course during 2026 and 2027, with new Base Cost of Fuel (BCF) amounts set for 2026 and 2027.

The Demand Side Management Rider is proposed to continue with changes to the way it is calculated.

NS Power is also proposing:

1. To maintain its current return on common equity of 9.0%, with an earnings band of 8.75% to 9.25%. The common equity ratio would also remain at 40%.
2. The BCF amounts attributable to FAM customers be set at \$927.3 million for 2026 and \$850.9 million for 2027, which represent the smoothed amounts over the two years.
3. Non-substantive amendments that are administrative in nature to the FAM Plan of Administration and the Hedging Plan of the Fuel Manual.

4. Deferral of costs for the completed Cost of Service Study, Line Loss Study, and Climate Change Adaptation Plan to be collected as a regulatory asset as previously approved in the 2023-2024 General Rate Application decision.
5. NS Power states it is working with the Province to develop a securitization approach that, if finalized, could save up to \$90 million over 2026-2027 by financing the unrecovered net book value of thermal (i.e., coal) generation assets in the Decarbonization Deferral Account at lower-cost debt. The application proposes that if the securitization is delayed and cannot be completed by January 1, 2026, that depreciation expense and financing costs of these assets be deferred at the weighted average cost of capital (WACC) on an interim basis.
6. A potential “excessive interest and financing expenses limitation” deferral, related to an anticipated change in federal income tax rules limiting net interest and financing expense deductions, if regulated utilities are not exempted.
7. A Port Hawkesbury Paper deferral, to reflect revenue variances between a new above-the-line tariff for PHP that will be requested later in 2025 and the assumptions included in the cost of service study used in the general rate application.
8. An updated depreciation study that does not update the depreciation rates for Point Aconi, Trenton Unit 5 and 6, Point Tupper Marine Terminal, Sydney International Coal Pier, and Steam General Assets. Also, the depreciation study reflects only partial decommissioning costs for hydro generation plants and excludes decommissioning costs for the Wreck Cove, Tusket and the Mersey generating stations. The Application also proposes to adopt amortization accounting for general plant accounts.
9. Approval of the updated Cost-of-Service Study.
10. Continuation of the Storm Cost Recovery Rider pilot in 2026 and 2027, but on a symmetrical basis so that unspent forecast Level 3 and 4 storm costs are refunded to customers.
11. Changes to the Miscellaneous Charges set out in the Schedule of Charges within NS Power’s Regulations which include:
  - i. The establishment of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Opt-out Fee, including revisions to Regulations 1.1 and 5.1 (Meter Reading) and changes to the fees and charges in Regulation 7.1;
  - ii. Changes to the fees and charges in Regulation 7.3 for “Recovery of Installation and Operational Charges”; and
  - iii. To continue the annual 2% increase to the Pole Attachment Fee.

This matter will be considered in a public hearing as follows:

<b>Hearing starts:</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 7, 2026</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>(Continuing Thursday, January 8 to Friday, January 16, 2026, if necessary)</b>
<b>Evening Session:</b>	<b>Thursday, January 8, 2026</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>

**Hearing Location:**        **Office of the Board**  
                                 **Summit Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
                                 **1601 Lower Water Street**  
                                 **Halifax, Nova Scotia**

**Depending on the circumstances, this public hearing may be held by video conference.**

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- You may speak at the hearing. You must notify the Board by **Thursday, November 27, 2025**
- You may make written comments by sending a letter to the Clerk of the Board at P.O. Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, NS B3J 3S3, or by email at: [board@novascotia.ca](mailto:board@novascotia.ca) or by fax at (902) 424-3919 by **Thursday, November 27, 2025**
- You may request formal standing as an Intervenor, subject to Board approval. This will allow you to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. Your request must be received by the Board by **Wednesday, October 15, 2025**, and a copy of your written evidence by **Tuesday, December 2, 2025**

A copy of the Application and any timetable applying to this matter may be viewed on the Board's website at <https://nserbt.ca/nseb>, by clicking on "Matters & Evidence", and in the "Go Directly to Matter" search box, enter Matter No. **M12451**, and on NS Power's website at [www.nspower.ca](http://www.nspower.ca).

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