

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT****- and -**

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

DECISION AND ORDER

Since 2006, the Berwick Electric Commission, a public utility, has been able to change its rates to flow through to its customers, changes in the Board-approved rates charged by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated. The flow-through mechanism, which was approved after a public hearing, allowed the mechanism to be used and rates to be changed without the necessity of another public hearing.

In Matter M11893, the utility applied to amend its flow-through mechanism to allow it to flow through other changes in its purchased power costs on a timely basis without the necessity of a public hearing. After a public hearing to consider the amendment, the Board issued its decision on December 5, 2024, and an order approving the application on December 20, 2024.

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

In Matter M11893 the utility was directed to provide written notification of a proposed flow-through application directly to customers. In its application, the utility advised it was notifying its customers of the proposed increase on July 20, 2026, and later confirmed it had done so with Board staff.

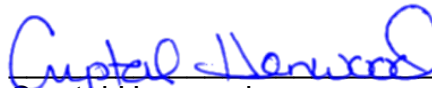
The Board approves the application and orders the following:

1. The rates in the Schedule of Rates for Electric Supply and Services, attached to this order as Schedule "A", are approved for service rendered on and after August 1, 2026.
2. While the rates in Schedule "A" are approved, the language does not match the approved tariff language and the utility is directed to file an updated schedule

with the existing and approved tariff language and the rates approved in this order within two weeks of the date of this order.

3. As requested by the utility in this matter, the Board extends the time for it to file for the approval of a true-up component for its flow-through mechanism that it was directed to develop in Matter M11893. The utility is directed to apply for this approval no later than its next general rate application, which is expected later this year.
4. The utility is directed to file another flow-through mechanism application that includes a true-up adjustment no later than **November 1, 2028**, unless otherwise approved or directed by the Board.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 29th day of July 2026.



Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board



SCHEDULE A

BERWICK ELECTRIC COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND SERVICES

PROPOSED FOR INVOICES RENDERED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 2026

RATES

The rates set out below are the rates for electric supply and services 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 an 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 amounts unpaid after the due date.

DOMESTIC SERVICE

CURRENT APPROVED RATES PROPOSED RATE

<u>Service Charge:</u>	per month	\$20.6525	\$20.6525
<u>Energy Rates:</u>	per kilowatt-hour for all consumption	\$0.1789	\$0.1845
ENERGY EFFICIENCY RIDER-DSM	per kilowatt-hour for all consumption		
<u>Minimum Bill:</u>	per month	\$20.6525	\$20.6525

SMALL GENERAL

<u>Service Charge:</u>	per month	\$19.0568	\$19.0568
<u>Energy Rates:</u>	per kilowatt-hour for all consumption	\$0.1802	\$0.1859
<u>Minimum Bill:</u>	per month	\$19.0568	\$19.0568

GENERAL SERVICE

<u>Demand Charge:</u>	per month per kilowatt of maximum demand	\$20.8673	\$21.5256
<u>Energy Rates:</u>	per kilowatt-hour for all consumption	\$0.1276	\$0.1316
<u>Minimum Bill:</u>	per month	\$20.8673	\$21.5256

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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.

<u>Service Charge:</u>	per month	\$23.7212	\$23.7212
<u>Energy Charge:</u>	per KWH for energy delivered between Hour Ending	\$0.1789	\$0.1845
	per KWH for energy delivered between HE 0100 to HE 0630	\$0.1370	\$0.1413
<u>Minimum Bill:</u>	per month	\$23.7212	\$23.7212

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DOMESTIC SERVICE TIME-OF-DAY RATE (OPTIONAL)

<u>Base Charge:</u>	per month	\$23.7212	\$23.7212
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Energy Charge:

During the months of December, January and February

From 07:00 am to 01:00 pm	per kilowatt hour	\$0.3255	\$0.3358
From 01:00 pm to 04:00 pm	per kilowatt hour	\$0.1789	\$0.1845
From 04:00 pm to 10:00 pm	per kilowatt hour	\$0.3255	\$0.3358
From 10:00 pm to 07:00 am	per kilowatt hour	\$0.1272	\$0.1312

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:

\$0.1272	\$0.1312
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From March 1 to November 30

From 07:00 am to 10:00 pm	per kilowatt hour	\$0.1789	\$0.1845
From 10:00 pm to 07:00 am	per kilowatt hour	\$0.1272	\$0.1312

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:

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<u>Minimum Monthly Charge:</u>	The minimum monthly charge shall be	\$23.7212	\$23.7212
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Availability:

This rate is only available to customers employing Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) equipment and electric in-floor radiant (i.e. hydronic) heating systems

INDUSTRIAL

<u>Demand Charge:</u>	Charge per month per kilovolt ampere of maximum demand.	\$18.3101	\$18.8877
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<u>Energy Charge:</u>	Charge per kilowatt-hour for the first 100 kilowatt-hours per month per kilovolt ampere of maximum demand.	\$0.1198	\$0.1236
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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".

STREET LIGHTING

(Lamps burning 4,000 hours per year, lighting system supplied and maintained by the Commission, consisting of luminaries bracket-mounted on existing

88 watt LED	per lamp per month	\$16.1724	\$16.3823
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CROSSWALK LIGHTING

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

40 watt fluorescent fixture	per fixture per month	\$11.3615	\$11.5089
400 watt fluorescent fixture	per fixture per month	\$44.4293	\$45.0058

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	per lamp per month	\$11.8270	\$11.9805
88 watt LED yard light	per lamp per month	\$16.1724	\$16.3823
125 watt mercury vapour	per lamp per month	\$14.3590	\$14.5453
175 watt mercury vapour	per lamp per month	\$19.2497	\$19.4995
250 watt mercury vapour	per lamp per month	\$24.1621	\$24.4756
400 watt mercury vapour	per lamp per month	\$34.1195	\$34.5622
400 watt mercury vapour floodlamp	per lamp per month	\$34.1195	\$34.5622
70 watt high pressure sodium lamp	per lamp per month	\$14.5095	\$14.6978
100 watt high pressure sodium lamp	per lamp per month	\$17.9140	\$18.1465
150 watt high pressure sodium lamp	per lamp per month	\$23.2148	\$23.5160
250 watt high pressure sodium lamp	per lamp per month	\$29.7721	\$30.1584
400 watt high pressure sodium floodlamp	per lamp per month	\$34.1989	\$34.6427
250 watt metal halide floodlamp	per lamp per month	\$24.1885	\$24.5024
250 watt high pressure sodium floodlamp	per lamp per month	\$24.1885	\$24.5024
400 watt MH halide floodlamp	per lamp per month	\$34.1195	\$34.5622
70 watt high pressure sodium cobra head	per lamp per month	\$16.6265	\$16.8423

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>	per month per kilowatt of connected load	\$20.0081	\$20.6393
<u>Energy Charge:</u>	per kilowatt-hour	\$0.1288	\$0.1329