

ORDER

MATTER: EL-003-2025

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by New Brunswick Power Corporation in accordance with subsection 103(1) of the *Electricity Act* for approval of the schedules of the rates for the 2026/27 fiscal year, and other approvals.

October 2, 2025

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NEW BRUNSWICK ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

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ORDER

WHEREAS:

- 1. The New Brunswick Power Corporation applied to the Board on October 1, 2025 for an order:
 - a) approving, for the 2026/27 fiscal year, a four and three quarters per cent (4.75%) average increase in rates across all customer classes, based on NB Power's revenue requirements of \$2,740.3 million; and
 - b) approving the schedule of rates for the 2026/27 fiscal year, which reflects a four and three quarters per cent (4.75%) average increase across all customer classes, to be effective April 1, 2026.
 - c) approving the prices proposed for specific Customer Energy Solutions Portfolio products, as described in section 10.3 of the supporting evidence;
 - d) approving the inclusion of the Net-Zero Rate in the Customer Energy Solutions Portfolio and setting a Net-Zero Rate to be charged for the 2026/27 fiscal year, as outlined in Section 10.4 of the supporting evidence;
 - e) approving new rates for Level 2, Level 3 50kW and Level 3 100kW EV charging for the 2026/27 fiscal year, as outlined in Section 10.5 of the supporting evidence;
 - f) approving the creation of a new rate class consisting of the owners of Public EV Charging Sites, rate design and rates for such class for the 2026/27 fiscal year, as outlined in Section 10.6 of the supporting evidence;
 - g) approving the rate for the wind balancing charge for the 2026/27 fiscal year, as outlined in section 10.7 of the supporting evidence;
 - h) approving an AMI Opt Out fee to recover the cost to read non-standard meters

- and AMI meters with the communications turned off post AMI deployment, as outlined in Section 10.8 of the supporting evidence;
- approving a methodology for pricing adders for interruptible and surplus rates, new rates for the adders and corresponding changes to the RSP manual, all as outlined in Section 10.9 of the supporting evidence;
- j) approving modifications to minimum filing requirements as outlined in Appendix
 E Modifications to the Minimum Filing Requirements, of the supporting evidence;
- k) providing directions with respect to the schedule for the full hearing of this Application, and any other preliminary or procedural matters; and
- such other Orders and/or directions with respect to any other matters as the Board sees fit.
- 2. In considering all of the various aspects of NB Power's application noted above, the Board will fix electricity rates that it finds to be just and reasonable, which may be higher or lower than the proposed rates as described above.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Board will hold a Pre-Hearing Conference in this matter via the Zoom videoconference platform on **Wednesday**, **October 22**, **2025**, **beginning at 9:30 a.m**. Interested parties may attend and make representations about the procedure to be followed.
- 2. Parties who wish to intervene in this matter should visit the Board's website at www.nbeub.ca, click on the "Rules of Procedure" tab, and then select "Procedural Forms-Utility Matters." There, parties will find an "Intervener Request" form. This form, specifying Matter: EL-003-2025, should be completed and filed with the Board by email to general@nbeub.ca no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025. Parties are to indicate the official language in which they wish to be heard.
- 3. A copy of the Application and supporting evidence shall be made available on the Board's website at www.nbeub.ca, and a copy of the Notice attached hereto and marked as "Appendix A" shall be posted on the Board's social media accounts by no later than Thursday, October 2, 2025.
- 4. A copy of the Notice attached hereto and marked as Appendix "A" shall be made available on NB Power's website at www.nbpower.com and posted to NB Power's social media accounts by no later than Thursday, October 2, 2025.

Dated at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, this $2^{\rm nd}$ day of October, 2025.

New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board

Melissa Curran Chief Clerk

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Appendix "A"



NEW BRUNSWICK POWER CORPORATION

2026/27 GENERAL RATE APPLICATION

NOTICE

NB Power has applied to the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board seeking an order:

- a) approving, for the 2026/27 fiscal year, a four and three quarters per cent (4.75%) average increase in rates across all customer classes, based on NB Power's revenue requirements of \$2,740.3 million; and
- b) approving the schedule of rates for the 2026/27 fiscal year, which reflects a four and three quarters per cent (4.75%) average increase across all customer classes, to be effective April 1, 2026.
- c) approving the prices proposed for specific Customer Energy Solutions Portfolio products, as described in section 10.3 of the supporting evidence;
- d) approving the inclusion of the Net-Zero Rate in the Customer Energy Solutions Portfolio and setting a Net-Zero Rate to be charged for the 2026/27 fiscal year, as outlined in Section 10.4 of the supporting evidence;
- e) approving new rates for Level 2, Level 3 50kW and Level 3 100kW EV charging for the 2026/27 fiscal year, as outlined in Section 10.5 of the supporting evidence;
- f) approving the creation of a new rate class consisting of the owners of Public EV Charging Sites, rate design and rates for such class for the 2026/27 fiscal year, as outlined in Section 10.6 of the supporting evidence;
- g) approving the rate for the wind balancing charge for the 2026/27 fiscal year, as outlined in section 10.7 of the supporting evidence;
- h) approving an AMI Opt Out fee to recover the cost to read non-standard meters and AMI meters with the communications turned off post AMI deployment, as

outlined in Section 10.8 of the supporting evidence;

- approving a methodology for pricing adders for interruptible and surplus rates, new rates for the adders and corresponding changes to the RSP manual, all as outlined in Section 10.9 of the supporting evidence;
- j) approving modifications to minimum filing requirements as outlined in Appendix
 E Modifications to the Minimum Filing Requirements, of the supporting evidence;
- k) providing directions with respect to the schedule for the full hearing of this Application, and any other preliminary or procedural matters; and
- I) such other Orders and/or directions with respect to any other matters as the Board sees fit.

NB Power's application and the supporting evidence may be viewed on the Board's website at www.nbeub.ca under Matter EL-003-2025.

Parties who wish to intervene in this matter should visit the Board's website at www.nbeub.ca, click on the "Rules of Procedure" tab, and then select "Procedural Forms-Utility Matters." There, parties will find an "Intervener Request" form. This form, specifying Matter EL-003-2025, should be completed and filed with the Board by email to general@nbeub.ca no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, October 20, 2025. Parties are to indicate the official language in which they wish to be heard.

The Board will hold a Pre-Hearing Conference via Zoom videoconference on **Wednesday, October 22, 2025, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** to consider requests for intervener status and determine the filing and hearing schedule to be followed. Interested parties wishing to intervene may attend at that time to make representations about the procedure and schedule to be followed. A link to attend the Pre-Hearing Conference will be provided to each party who has filed an Intervener Request form with the Board. The Pre-Hearing Conference will also be broadcast live to the general public on the Board's YouTube channel at http://www.youtube.com/@nbeubcespnb337.

The Board advises that it may require interveners in similar circumstances with similar interests who wish to address similar issues to intervene as a single party with a single opportunity to examine witnesses and/or make submissions.

The Board also advises that it will receive written letters of comment from any NB Power ratepayer at general@nbeub.ca and the hearing schedule for the Board's consideration of NB Power's application to be set at the Pre-Hearing Conference will include an informal public

session where members of the general public can make submissions to the Board on NB Power's application.

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