

NEW BERWICK ELECTRIC RATES

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board has approved new rates for the Berwick Electric Commission, which will be applied to the customer's next bill.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR CUSTOMERS?

WHY ARE THE RATES INCREASING?

The Town's purchase of wind energy since 2016, and from competitive supplies outside Nova Scotia since 2020, has delivered historically stable rates over the past 10-15 years.

Unfortunately, the BEC cannot maintain its financial health and provide reliable service without adjusting rates to reflect the new reality of **high market energy costs (fuel)** for the remaining half of its supply that is not supplied from renewable energy (wind and hydro).

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO REDUCE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS IN THE FUTURE?

The Town's **solar garden** will increase our protection from market rates by an additional 14% once the facility achieves commercial operation later this year.

The Town is working with our partners to develop other decarbonization initiatives so that our customers never experience such a necessary rate adjustment ever again.

Investing in capital reserve funds to reduce future debt payments for capital projects.

ESTIMATED IMPACT TO DOMESTIC CUSTOMERS

The table below shows the estimated impact to domestic customer monthly and annually. For example, if your average monthly consumption is approximately **1500 kwh**, the impact would be an additional **\$50 a month, or \$600 a year**.

The calculations below are based on **consumption only**. They do not include the service charge.

kwh/ mth	2022	2024	Change	Annual Change
750	\$105	\$131	\$25	\$300
1500	\$211	\$261	\$50	\$600
2250	\$316	\$392	\$76	\$912

“The goal of the Berwick Electric Commission, the Town of Berwick and its partners, is to achieve 100% renewable or non-carbon emitting energy supply at a reasonable cost to our customers.”

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF OWNING AN ELECTRIC UTILITY?

Ability to move quickly on initiatives

BEC achieved compliance with Provincial Renewable Energy Standards of 40% in 2018, two years earlier than required.

Ability to reduce market impacts

The BEC is over 48% protected from today's market increases and will be even further covered when the solar garden achieves full commercial operation later this year.

Superior customer service

BEC power customers experience superior customer service through excellent customer response times and quicker turn arounds on electrical inspection requests.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Your Energy Rebate Program

902-424-5200 or 1-800-670-4357
yourenergysrebate@novascotia.ca

Efficiency Nova Scotia

1-877-999-6035
info@efficiencyns.ca



Who is AREA?

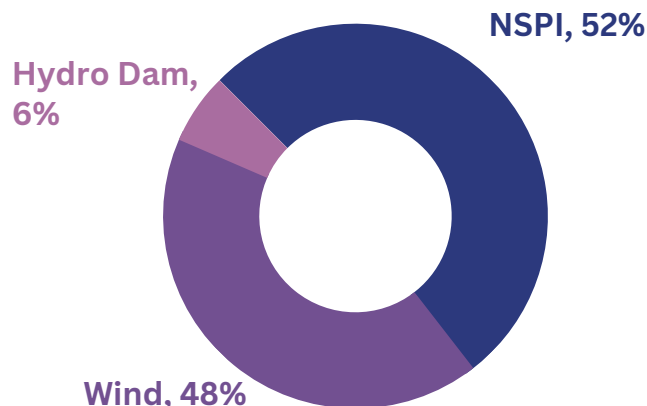
The Alternative Renewable Energy Association (AREA) is owned by three municipalities: the Town of Antigonish, the Town of Berwick and the Town of Mahone Bay.

Through this partnership, a 10-turbine, **23.5 MW Ellershouse Wind Farm** was developed, providing over 40% of renewable energy to the owner-towns and the Riverport Electric Light Commission today. AREA continues to seek and develop other decarbonization initiatives so that our customers never experience such a necessary rate adjustment again.

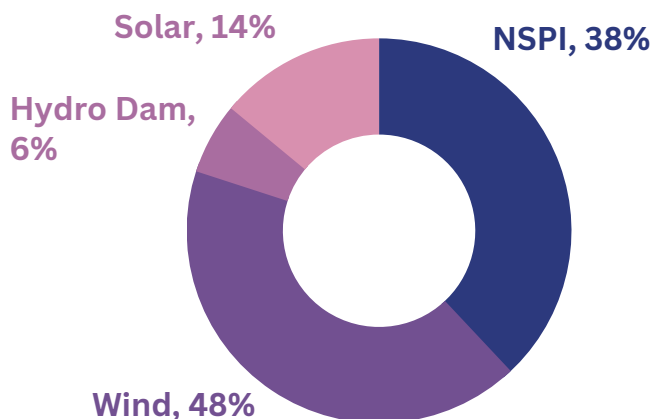
The **Community Solar Gardens** is another partnership currently underway. Cumulatively we will build 9MW of Community Solar in the towns of Antigonish, Berwick and Mahone Bay. Berwick's Solar Garden will be owned by the Town of Berwick and sell renewable energy to the Berwick Electric Commission, adding an additional 14% of renewable energy to its power supply.

WHERE DOES THE UTILITY'S POWER COME FROM?

Current Power Supply
63.6% Renewable



With Solar Garden
77.6% Renewable



*30% of NSPI supply is renewable energy