

Community Solar Program Guide: Updates and Amendments

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The following amendments were made to the [Community Solar Program Guide](#) published in March, 2024. For questions, contact us by email at sharesolar@novascotia.ca

Date	Page	Section	Update
April 10, 2024	11		On page 11, in the call out referring to the definition of brownfields and the Canadian Brownfields Network, we strongly recommend reading and implementing the recommendations in the Nova Scotia Brownfield Roadmaps 2021 (fcm.ca) if you intend to site a community solar garden on a brownfield.
April 10, 2024	11-14	Section 2: NSPI Generation Interconnection Procedures	<p>Additional Information re: Transmission Generation Interconnection Procedures</p> <p>If transmission impacts are identified during the Preliminary Assessment, the applicant will have the option to proceed with the next steps of the feasibility study (as a part of the Standard Generator Interconnection Procedures (SGIP)). This requires paying a \$15,000 deposit to proceed. The feasibility study will provide the applicant with a high level estimate of expected costs and is required as a part of your application to the Community Solar Program. The feasibility study is not as robust as completing the full System Impact Study (SIS), which cannot be completed until after a project receives Community Solar Program approval.</p> <p><i>Proceeding with the feasibility study as a part of the SGIP process is at the risk of the project owner, and does not guarantee program approval.</i></p> <p>It is likely that most program applicants will proceed with the Distribution Generator Impact Procedures (DGIP) process. The SGIP for transmission interconnection procedures is typically a longer process, and can result in delays in the study queue and result in project delays. If transmission impacts are identified during your Preliminary Assessment, you can work with the System Operator to discuss potential timelines and economic viability of proceeding with the DGIP or SGIP.</p>
April 10, 2024	28	Section 4: NSPI Generation Interconnection Procedures	DOCUMENT REQUIRED: Attach a PDF copy of the completed Preliminary Assessment for distribution connected projects <i>or a copy of the feasibility study for transmission interconnection projects</i> from NSPI. Refer to NSPI Generation Interconnection Procedures (GIP) for more information.