



## **Green Choice Program**

The [Green Choice Program](#) lets large electricity customers buy some or all their electricity from new renewable sources. It will add a lot more clean energy to our grid, help stabilize power rates, bring more green jobs to Nova Scotia and make a big decrease in greenhouse gas emissions.

Green Choice customers will continue to be Nova Scotia Power ratepayers and connected to the grid. The utility will provide electricity from 6 new wind farms through its grid to the participating customers.

## **Green Choice Customers**

Customers in the Green Choice Program are large electricity customers – typically those that are in rate class 10 and up or have electricity consumption greater than 10,000 megawatt hours per year. For scale, the average household in Nova Scotia consumes 10 megawatt hours per year.

Participants need to be customers of Nova Scotia Power and pay their power bill directly to the utility, not through a landlord.

Customers of municipal electric utilities are not included in the program. They are increasingly getting clean electricity through those utilities.

The 11 customers in the Green Choice Program are:

- Province of Nova Scotia:
  - Government owned buildings and operations including public schools
  - Nova Scotia Provincial Housing Agency
  - Most of Nova Scotia Health's hospitals and health centres
  - IWK Health Centre
- Government of Canada
  - Federal departments, agencies and Canada Post's Crown facilities.
- Nova Scotia Universities and Colleges Power Purchasing Partnership:
  - Dalhousie University (all campuses)
  - Acadia University
  - Cape Breton University
  - Mount Saint Vincent University
  - Saint Mary's University
  - University of Kings College
  - Université Sainte-Anne
  - Nova Scotia College of Arts and Design
- All NSCC campuses
- Halifax Regional Municipality
- Halifax Water Commission
- Cape Breton Regional Municipality
- Halifax International Airport Authority
- WalMart Canada Corporation
- Michelin North America (Canada) Inc.
- PSA Canada Ventures Ltd.



### **Benefits for Green Choice Customers**

Green Choice customers will still pay the same power rate as everyone else in their rate class and also a small fee that reflects the cost of service for Nova Scotia Power to administer this program. They will continue to contribute the same amount to the fixed costs of the electricity system. However, they will avoid paying carbon tax on the renewable electricity that they get through the program.

They will also receive Renewable Energy Certificates for the renewable electricity they consume. This allows them to make credible, traceable claims that they have reduced their greenhouse gas emissions from electricity consumption. This is an important part of achieving corporate commitments to environmental and social governance goals.