

#### THE ISLAND REGULATORY AND APPEALS COMMISSION

Prince Edward Island Île-du-Prince-Édouard **CANADA** 

Docket UE21315 Order UE16-06

#### IN THE MATTER of an

application by Maritime Electric Company, Limited, under Section 12(1) of the Electric Power Act (R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-4), for approval of the issuance of first mortgage bonds.

### **BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

on Monday, the 15th day of August, 2016.

J. Scott MacKenzie Q.C., Chair Douglas Clow, CPA, CA, Vice-Chair Michael Campbell, Commissioner

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Director, Corporate Services and Appeals

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WHEREAS, Maritime Electric Company, Limited ("Maritime Electric" or the "Company") applied on June 14, 2016 for Commission approval of the issuance of up to \$40 million in long term first mortgage bonds;

AND WHEREAS, Section 12(1) of the Electric Power Act ("Act") reads as follows: no public utility shall issue stocks or shares or bonds, debentures, securities, or other evidence of indebtedness, payable in more than one year from the date thereof, unless it has first obtained approval by the Commission of the proposed issue;

AND WHEREAS, the Commission, by Order UE16-05 issued June 28, 2016, gave approval to the proposed bond issuance, subject to conditions set out in the Order;

 $AND\ WHEREAS, the purpose of the bond issuance is to refinance maturing bonds and replenish short-term borrowing capacity which had been used to finance capital expenditures incurred the last several years; \\$ 

AND WHEREAS, as required by Section 12(2) of the *Act*; the Commission approves the purpose of the proposed bond issuance:

AND WHEREAS, the Company's most recent rate application approved by Commission Order UE16-04 took into consideration the decline in interest rates anticipated with this bond issuance;

AND WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed the Summary Term Sheet dated August 12, 2016 issued by RBC Capital Markets, a copy of the resolution of the Company's Board of Directors approving the terms of issue and the legal opinion of the Company's solicitors that the bond issuance and sale complies with applicable securities laws;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the *Island*Regulatory and Appeals Commission Act and the Electric Power
Act.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT

- Approval is hereby granted for the issuance of first mortgage secured bonds in accordance with the Summary Term Sheet, which includes the following details:
  - a. the principal amount of \$40.0 million;
  - b. the debt issue term of 40 years, maturing August 23, 2056; and
  - the yield rate is 3.657%, subject only to adjustments as set out in the Summary Term Sheet.
- 2. Upon completion of the bond issue the Company shall file a copy of the closing documents with the Commission.
- 3. The Company shall file a report with the Commission on the disposition of the bond issue proceeds within six (6) months from the date of bond issue.

 $\overline{DATED}$  at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this 15th day of August, 2016.

BY THE COMMISSION:

l. Scott MacKenzie Q.C., Chair

Douglas Clow, CPA, CA, Vice-Chair

Michael Campbell, Commissioner

#### **NOTICE**

Section 12 of the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission Act reads as follows:

12. The Commission may, in its absolute discretion, review, rescind or vary any order or decision made by it or rehear any application before deciding it.

Parties to this proceeding seeking a review of the Commission's decision or order in this matter may do so by filing with the Commission, at the earliest date, a written Request for Review, which clearly states the reasons for the review and the nature of the relief sought.

Sections 13.(1), 13(2), 13(3), and 13(4) of the Act provide as follows:

- 13.(1) An appeal lies from a decision or order of the Commission to the Court of Appeal upon a question of law or jurisdiction.
- (2) The appeal shall be made by filing a notice of appeal in the Court of Appeal within twenty days after the decision or order appealed from and the rules of court respecting appeals apply with the necessary changes.
- (3) The Commission shall be deemed to be a party to the appeal.
- (4) No costs shall be payable by any party to an appeal under this section unless the Court of Appeal, in its discretion, for special reasons, so orders.

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