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Thank you for giving the public an opportunity to present at the rate hearings on Aug. 8, 2019.

Further to my comments dated August 9 and Aug.13 2019.

Appendix # 4 of the rate application for the year 2019 lists Lepreau energy costs as \$ 24,320,190 annual costs.

Schedule 8-2 list Lepreau Capacity at Murray Corner at 29MW

Based on 365 days at 100% availability LePreau would contribute 254,040 MWhrs of energy to Maritime Electric at a cost of 9.57 cents per kWh. Factor in the annual deferred costs held by the Energy Corporation at \$8,386,380 annually the true costs of LePreau energy is 12.87 cents per kWh at 100% availability.

Maritime Electric files monthly reports with the Commission on a confidential bases.

The Commission knows the true costs of LePreau energy.

The actual availability is probably some where between 70% and 90%. This gives a range of energy costs as per table.

29 mw		per ECAM	Incl PEIEC costs
MWhrs	availability	cents/kWh	cents/kWh
254,040	100%	9.57	12.87
228,636	90%	10.64	14.31
203,232	80%	11.97	16.09
177,828	70%	13.68	18.39

LePreau energy is very expensive.

**Has the Commission ever asked the question “Why is Maritime Electric still participated in LePreau given the costs and huge risk factors associated with an aging nuclear plant”?**

August 13, 2019

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