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Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission PO Box 577 134 Kent Street Suite 501 Charlottetown PE C1A 7L1 The Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission

Dear Commissioners:

## Return on Rate Base

Pursuant to Section 16(d) of IRAC Order UE16-04, the Company is required to file with the Commission, on or before February 28, 2017, the audited rate of return on average rate base for the previous year.

Attached is the Company's filing of the required information for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. An electronic version will follow.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

MARITIME ELECTRIC

Jason Roberts

Director, Regulatory & Financial Planning

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Electric Power Act Gommission Order UE16-04, Section 16(d) Rate Base							
1	Fixed Assets	\$	573,109,433	\$	598,981,146		
Less	Work in progress		(5,098,313)		(3,801,206)		
Less	Accumulated amortization		(194,466,955)		(209,469,947)		
	Net Fixed Assets		373,544,165		385,709,993		
Less	Contributions - net		(25,439,503)		(25,238,846)		
Less	Future income taxes - net of Long-Term Receivable		(13,750,370)		(15,576,140)		
Add	Deferred Financing Costs		422,675		656,212		
Less	Post-2003 costs due from (to) customers		2,467,325		2,158,214		
Less	Regulatory Liabilities - Other		(23,486,720)		(20,020,584)		
Less	Employee Future Benefits Liability		(7,339,721)		(7,427,828)		
Add	Regulatory Asset - Other		0		126,031		
Add	Intangible assets		4,105,909		4,039,342		
Add	Deferred Charge		1,868,817		1,917,565		
			(61,151,588)		(59,366,034)		
Add	Working Capital						
	Inventory		5,163,885		4,367,367		
l	Gross operating expenses * 3.6%		4,887,951		4,837,074		
	Income taxes paid * 3.6%		304,488		126,000		
		\$	10,356,324	\$	9,330,441		
	Rate Base (unaveraged)	\$	322,748,901	\$	335,674,399		
	Average Rate Base			\$	329,211,650		

Electric Power Act Commission Order UE16-04, Section 16(d) Return on Average Rate Base						
		2016				
Total revenue	\$	186,337,404				
Operating expenses (net of ECAM)		(134,018,882)				
Financing costs		(6,535)				
		52,311,987				
Amortization - Fixed Assets		(20,945,434)				
Amortization - Deferred Charges		(94,000)				
		(21,039,434)				
Earnings Before Income Taxes and Financing		31,272,553				
Income taxes		(5,959,260)				
Earnings on Average Rate Base (interest expense excluded)	\$	25,313,293				
Rate Base - Year End Average	\$	329,211,650				
Return on Average Rate Base (%)		7.69%				

<sup>\* 2015</sup> Rate Base calculation has been restated from the January 15, 2016 filing to deduct the Employee Future Benefits Liability.