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Interrogatories of Commission Staff

TO: Maritime Electric Company, Limited

FROM: Cheryl Mosher, Senior Financial Advisor

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RE: 2021 Capital Budget Variance Report

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The Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the "Commission"), in assessing the reasonableness of the 2021 Capital Budget Variance Report submitted by Maritime Electric Company, Limited ("Maritime Electric" or "MECL"), requests responses to the following interrogatories:

- 1. Section 5.4 Line Extensions was over budget due primarily to three (3) large projects to convert existing single phase lines to three phase lines. The report also indicates MECL was not aware there was a requirement to complete these projects for customers at the time the 2021 capital budget application was prepared.
 - a. Please explain why this was not known at the time of the capital budget and whether it is a customer driven expense?
 - b. If so, were there customer contributions received to offset the costs?
- 2. Please provide a breakdown of the customer contributions received in relation to their corresponding projects.
- 3. Section 5.7 Distribution equipment MECL cancelled purchasing equipment for cleaning salt contamination from insulators at substations. This was deemed necessary during the 2021 capital budget application and was approved by the Commission.
 - a. Why was it determined to no longer be necessary?
 - b. Was it replaced with other types of equipment more appropriate with additional savings?
- 4. Please provide a breakdown and calculation of the Capitalized General Expense.

Additional interrogatories may follow.

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