



## Additional Interrogatories of Commission Staff

**TO:** Maritime Electric Company, Limited

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**RE:** Supplemental Capital Budget Request – Customer Information System and Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project

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28. Please provide a copy of the signed contribution agreement with Natural Resources Canada.
29. Refer to MECL's response to IR-3(e). What is the forecast retirement cost associated with removing existing meters?
30. MECL's response to IR-12 provided a breakdown of the estimated ongoing annual operating costs expected after the projects are completed.
  - a. Does this breakdown include the increased amortization expense related to the project? If not, how does the amortisation impact the annual costs?
  - b. What are the anticipated annual savings to MECL operating expenditures by implementing the CIS/AMI project?
  - c. If the saving does not outweigh the increased costs, please provide justification to approve this project.
31. Refer to MECL's response to IR-17(a), Table 4. MECL has calculated the annual cost per employee for external resources to be \$336,000 to \$384,000.
  - a. Is this the least cost option?
  - b. What is the market rate for individuals with this skill set?
  - c. What steps has MECL taken to minimize external labour costs associated with the project?

32. Refer to MECL's response to IR-20. Provide specifics on how MECL will achieve the cost savings or cost avoidance of \$1,899,026. For example, specify the expenditures that will be reduced, how revenues will be increased, and the associated dollar amounts.
33. Please provide the justification, criteria and calculations used to allocate any funding contributions between the AMI and CIS components of the project.

**Additional interrogatories may follow.**



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