



September 18, 2023

Attn: Barbara Dylla
Energy Democracy Now! Co-operative Limited
Unit A338, 40 Enman Crescent
Charlottetown, PE C1E 1E6

Re: Ruling – Docket UE20605 – Maritime Electric Company Limited Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism Application – Applications for Intervener Status

The following is a ruling by the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the “Commission”) on an application for intervener status filed by Barbara Dylla on behalf of the Energy Democracy Now! Co-operative Limited (the “Co-op”) on August 21, 2023.

Background

On July 26, 2023, Maritime Electric Company, Limited (“MECL”) filed an application with the Prince Edward Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the “Commission”) seeking approval of an Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (“ECAM”) rate adjustment for the period October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 (the “Application”). The Application was filed in accordance with Commission Order UE23-04.

Following receipt of the Application, the Commission gave public notice through a publication in local newspapers and on the Commission website. In the notice, the Commission invited interested parties to request intervener status, in accordance with the Commission’s Rules of Practice & Procedure. Requests for intervention were to be submitted by August 21, 2023.

On August 21, 2023, Energy Democracy Now! Co-operative Limited (the “Co-op”) submitted a request for Friend of the Commission Intervener status. The Commission did not receive any other requests for intervention.

As explained in the request for intervention, the Co-op was established to promote local ownership of renewable energy to facilitate collaboration among distributed energy generators. The Co-op also seeks to foster local ownership of renewable energy initiatives, such as windmills and solar projects, with profits returned to local communities.

The Co-op advised that its focus in this Application is on innovative practices for community-based power generation. It seeks to participate by way of an oral presentation supported by slides and documentation.

In accordance with Rule 18 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice & Procedure, MECL was provided with the opportunity to reply to the request to intervene. MECL did not oppose the request.

Ruling

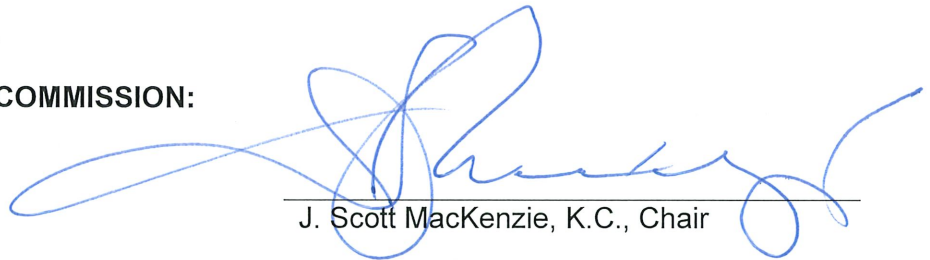
The Commission has reviewed the Co-op's request for intervener status. Although the Commission recognizes the valuable contribution of the Co-op as it relates to local ownership of renewable energy, the Commission is not satisfied that the Co-op's proposed participation is relevant to this particular Application.

In accordance with Rule 20(2), in considering a request for Friend of the Commission Intervener status, the Commission may consider (among other things) the extent to which the applicant is engaged with the subject matter of the proceeding, and whether the proposed submissions will assist the Commission in resolving the issues raised in the proceeding.

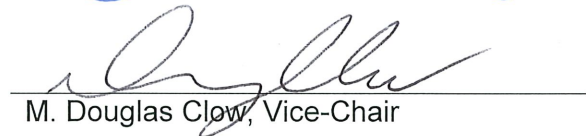
The Application in which the Co-op has sought to intervene relates to the narrow issue of recovery of energy costs incurred, but not yet recovered, by MECL. The issues of renewable energy, including the ownership of renewable energy initiatives, are not the subject of this particular Application. As a result, submissions regarding community-based power generation will not assist the Commission in resolving the issues raised in this particular Application.

For these reasons, although the Commission recognizes the valuable contributions of the Co-op, it will not be granted intervener status in this particular Application. This decision does not prevent the Co-op from applying for intervener status in future applications that deal with matters within the Co-op's mandate.

BY THE COMMISSION:



J. Scott MacKenzie, K.C., Chair



M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair