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Jason Roberts, President & Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

RE: Hurricane Fiona – Report to the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission
Docket: UE21505

The Commission has reviewed the “Review and Report on Hurricane Fiona and Restoration” filed by Maritime Electric Company, Limited on January 31, 2023 (the “Fiona Report”).

The Commission issued a letter of direction to MECL on December 8, 2022. The letter of direction required Maritime Electric to file a comprehensive report detailing the company’s preparation and response to Post-Tropical Storm Fiona (“Fiona”). The letter of direction requested that the report address a number of elements which would assist in understanding the cause of failure to Maritime Electric’s system, while identifying clear and cogent ways for Maritime Electric to improve its preparation and response to future weather-related events.

The Fiona Report filed by Maritime Electric is not responsive to the letter of direction. The Report fails to address the areas of concern identified by the Commission, it fails to provide adequate detail to determine the cause of failure to Maritime Electric’s system, and it fails to provide a plan to improve Maritime Electric’s preparation and response to future weather-related events.

Although the Commission has accepted the Fiona Report for filing, the Fiona report is incomplete and not sufficient. Therefore, the Commission requires Maritime Electric re-file a comprehensive report with the Commission that is responsive to, and in compliance with, the letter of direction. The report shall be filed no later than **4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2023**.

The comprehensive report shall include as appendices a copy of any and all documentation referred to in the report. This shall include, for example, internal and external communications, weather briefing packages, outage readiness information, pre-storm

checklists, records of inspection (both before and after Fiona), CSA standards, Maritime Electric's internal policies, and any other documentation referred to in the report.

The report and appendices prepared by Nova Scotia Power Inc. in response to Post-Tropical Storm Arthur, and filed with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on August 19, 2014 in Docket M06321 is a good example of the level of detail the Commission is expecting in the refiled report.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Scott MacKenzie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Chair & Chief Executive Officer