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Prince Edward Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission 5th Floor, Suite 501 134 Kent Street Charlottetown, PE C1A 8R8

Re: Objection to MECL Request for Confidentiality – Docket UE20742

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Energy Democracy Now! Co-operative, we are writing to respectfully object to the request by Maritime Electric Company Ltd. (MECL) to keep portions of its filing confidential, including Appendices E and F, interrogatory responses (e.g., Synapse IR-2), and materials from the technical session related to its electricity capacity proposal.

This project involves a proposed capital investment of \$427 million and is expected to result in a residential rate increase of approximately nine to ten per cent. These are matters of significant public interest and financial consequence for Island ratepayers. Transparency is essential to allow proper scrutiny of MECL's proposal and to ensure a fair, evidence-based review process.

The information MECL seeks to withhold is central to evaluating the need, cost-effectiveness, and risks associated with its proposed infrastructure investments. Without public access to these materials, interveners and the public are left at a disadvantage left at a disadvantage in understanding the underlying assumptions and financial impacts.

We therefore urge the Commission to deny the confidentiality request and to require MECL to disclose the withheld information in accordance with Rules 51–54 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

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