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Re: Maritime Electric's Response to Mr. Peter Bevan-Baker on Supplemental Filing (On-Island Capacity for Security of Supply Docket UE20742)

Dear Ms. Bradley,

Energy Democracy Now! Co-operative wishes to respond to Maritime Electric's letter to IRAC dated March 24, 2026.

Maritime Electric's response focuses on procedure rather than substance.

It argues that concerns raised about cost, alternatives, and planning are not supported by formal technical studies. However, this does not address the central issue: Whether the proposed turbines are the best solution compared to available alternatives.

The absence of independent modelling in a public submission does not invalidate the underlying questions. It highlights a gap in the process. Those questions — regarding battery storage, demand management, system flexibility, and long-term cost risk — are legitimate and increasingly central to modern electricity planning.

Other jurisdictions in Canada are already evaluating and deploying battery storage and demand-side solutions using formal system modelling. The fact that such analysis has not been fully presented in this proceeding does not mean these options are unsuitable, only that they have not yet been properly examined.

Regulatory decisions of this scale should not hinge on whether interveners have independently replicated utility models. They should be based on whether all credible alternatives have been rigorously and transparently evaluated.

In that respect, the submission underscores the need for a more complete comparison — not its dismissal, as MECL would prefer.

Respectfully yours,

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