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Prince Edward Island Regulatory
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Dear Ms. Bradley:

Re: Utilities Docket UE20742
MECL's Application Re a Supplemental Budget Request for On-Island Capacity
PEIEC's Response to Further Additional Interrogatories of Commission Staff

1. We write on behalf of the Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation (the "PEIEC") with respect to the above noted Application (the "Application") by Maritime Electric Company, Limited ("MECL").

2. The Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the "Commission") provided additional Interrogatories of Commission Staff to PEIEC on August 7, 2026 and requested a response from PEIEC on or before August 17, 2026.

3. The PEIEC feels the attached responses to the additional Interrogatories will assist in providing a fuller review of the matters currently before the Commission.

4. The PEIEC would like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to respond to the additional Interrogatories. If there is anything further required, please advise.

All of which is respectfully submitted on August 17, 2026.

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Enclosed: PEIEC Response to Further Additional Interrogatories of Commission Staff

Further Additional Interrogatories of PEI Energy Corporation

TO: Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission

FROM: Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation

DATE: August 17, 2026

RE: On-Island Capacity for Security of Supply Project

DOCKET: UE20742

The Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the "Commission"), in assessing the Application by Maritime Electric Company, Limited ("Maritime Electric" or "MECL") for approval of the On-Island Capacity for Security of Supply Project (the "Application"), requested responses to the following interrogatories from the Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation ("PEIEC"):

20. *The Commission notes that the Demand Side Management ("DSM") Plan previously approved by the Commission expired on February 28, 2026. To date, no application seeking approval of a new DSM Plan or an extension of the previous DSM Plan has been filed with the Commission.*

    a. *Does PEIEC intend to file an application seeking approval of a new DSM Plan or an extension of the previously approved DSM Plan? If so, when does PEIEC anticipate filing such an application? If not, explain why not.*

    In February, the PEIEC reached out to the Commission to determine whether it would be supportive of granting a one-year extension to the current "Electricity Efficiency and Conservation Plan" ("EE&C"). At that time, it was PEIEC's position that due to the delay in receiving an order from the Commission to commence activities under the plan, coupled with delays in receiving internal authority to engage with service providers, a one-year extension would allow for additional time to deliver the plan activities.

    After the initial conversation with the Commission in February several factors have resulted in a revised position. Firstly, the Department to which PEIEC reports has changed. The Corporation now reports through a newly constituted Department of Transportation Infrastructure and Energy. The new reporting relationship means a newly constituted Board, including a new Minister responsible for the

Corporation and new Chairperson of the Board, needed time to understand the operations and responsibilities of the Energy file. Secondly, during the 2026/27 budget process a reduced funding envelope was provided for the activities described in the approved plan.

Based on these two factors, it now is the opinion of the PEIEC that an extension of the current plan will not be requested.

The PEIEC is working on the final report for the current approved plan and is rethinking the approach for activities that will form the next EE&C. The PEIEC plans to submit a new plan that contains activities that respect the funding available and attempts to deliver programming in an efficient and effective manner.

b. *Assuming a new DSM Plan or extension is filed and approved, when does PEIEC anticipate that any new or continued DSM programs could reasonably begin producing measurable reductions in winter peak demand?*

The PEIEC believes that it will be in a position to file the next EE&C plan by March 31, 2027, with activities commencing soon after the Commission's approval of the DSM Plan, with an aim to restart electricity and demand savings before the next peak period. It is difficult for the PEIEC to provide a precise value for expected demand savings as programs included in a new plan will reflect the funding available.

c. *Given that there is currently no approved DSM Plan, how does PEIEC believe the Commission should consider future DSM savings when assessing Maritime Electric's Application?*

The PEIEC notes that to date plans filed with Commission requested approval of an EE&C Plan. These plans had dual objectives of electricity and demand savings. The PEIEC expects to continue with guiding principles that focus on activities that provide customer value, respect customer needs and consider customer affordability.

In developing a new EE&C plan, the PEIEC will need to again engage with stakeholders to ensure the proposed Plan is relevant to all Islanders. The PEIEC will also need to engage both MECL and Summerside Electric in the development of the proposed EE&C Plan.

Cooperation with electricity providers will be crucial to executing customer activities.

The PEIEC's intention is to meet the currently forecasted targets, but until a new EE&C plan is developed and in place, we cannot confirm actual outcomes. The PEIEC expects the next proposed plan to focus more on the net demand savings activities rather than energy savings.

d. *Does PEIEC believe Maritime Electric's load forecast should assume additional DMS savings beyond those already reflected in its evidence? If so, what assumptions should be used and why?*

The PEIEC does not currently have a new EE&C plan available for the Commission to consider and will not be in a position to provide a plan imminently. Without a new plan and an estimate of the funding that may be available to implement EE&C activities, it is difficult to provide a reasonable estimate of what may be achieved in the future. The PEIEC must rely only on the information contained in the quarterly reports provided to the Commission under the most recent approved plan to demonstrate the savings achieved.