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Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission PO Box 577 Charlottetown, PE C1A 7L1

Dear Commissioners:

Re: UE20946 - MECL 2023 General Rate Application

We acknowledge Mr. Campbell's correspondence of January 5, 2023, and Maritime Electric's request for Commission approval to enter settlement negotiations contained therein.

PEIEC supports MECL's request, and agrees with MECL's proposal that all other aspects of the GRA process be paused until further direction from the Commission.

Pursuant to subsection 4(a) of IRAC's **Rules of Procedure for Negotiated Settlements in matters of Utility Regulation**, the Intervenor Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation likewise requests Commission approval to participate in the negotiated settlement process with the applicant, MECL.

Further, in accordance with Section 5 of the same **Rules**, the Government of Price Edward Island appoints PEIEC as its agent in the negotiated settlement process, with myself and Chera-Lee Gomez as its counsel.

Lastly, in accordance with Section 6 of the same **Rules**, Government acknowledges notice of the requests from MECL and PEIEC, and of the intended negotiated settlement process.

Yours very truly,

Michael G. Drake and Chera-Lee Gomez