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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application by Maritime Electric for additional generation capacity.

I am angry and frustrated that the provincial government has put us in this electricity deficit situation. Government was successful in attracting immigrants which added to demand. Government then created even more demand through subsidized programs designed to encourage use of heat pumps and electric cars and many people took advantage of the programs offered to convert from oil to electric heating systems. All of this occurred without any obvious planning for supply!

As a senior who is totally dependent on electricity for heat - I am very concerned. Maritime Electric conditioned us last winter that in times of peak demand there could be rolling black-outs; now, here we are with another winter approaching and one only has to look around at construction completed this year to foresee an even higher demand. I fear not having adequate supply for the coming winter(s) and any potential solutions I hear about will take a couple of years to complete and, yet here we are still talking about it!

I heartily support the application for diesel generation. Yes, it will lead to additional emissions but, they will be minimal as the proposed generator will only run a few times in winter to satisfy peak demand. I doubt the emissions would be any worse than desperate people running their own home generators.

Recently, money was set aside to study the feasibility of adding another undersea cable to New Brunswick but, that would not come on line for several years at the earliest and New Brunswick has their own electricity supply issues. Laying a cable from one province needing electricity to another province that doesn't have any to spare seems like a questionable pursuit?

There are those who believe demand can be satisfied with batteries as backup but, I fail to see that logic. Batteries do not produce any power - they store it. The theory runs along the lines that battery storage capacity of around 8 hours will be enough to satisfy demand but, we occasionally have cold periods demanding much more than an 8 hour supply and there would be no opportunity to re-charge. Batteries also have a diminishing service period and their ability to supply decreases over time.

We need additional capacity urgently. Diesel generation is tried, tested and true - let's get on with it please.

Thank you for your consideration.

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