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To Cheryl Bradley, Senior Financial Officer, IRAC

Having read about the possibility of a diesel fuelled power plant being built on PEI, and the numerous reasons that a storage battery facility would be a better option, I would like to put my vote towards the battery facility. A diesel plant would appear to be more expensive, more polluting, cause a jump in electricity price just when we don't need one, won't store excess wind and solar energy, and it seems to be a risky investment that ties Islanders to a plant with a fixed wattage, for decades to come.

Making Islanders pay for a diesel plant for decades to come is the opposite of what we should be striving for here on PEI. I have just invested in an electric car for, hopefully, all the right reasons and I would expect our electrical utility to do the same.

As more Islanders move to electric vehicles, Maritime Electric should be telling us via text or an app when the best time is for us to charge our vehicles. I would be happy to help smooth the load, and help obviate the need for any peak capacity, but they haven't even put such a notification system in place. Building a diesel plant to solve their peak load problem without having done everything possible to fix the peak load problem is no acceptable.

I hope we look to the future and invest in a battery plant which can store wind and solar for when it is needed – something that a diesel plant obviously cannot do.

Respectfully,

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