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Subject: Comments about Maritime Electric's application UE20742
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To IRAC c/o Cheryl Bradley,
I wish to enter the following comments about Maritime Electric's application UE20742:

Diesel turbines are NOT the best way to deliver safe and reliable service. I agree with Peter Bevan-Baker's synopsis: "We are asked to commit to an unproven machine, from a sole vendor against whom no one was invited to compete, at a price that has moved twice, arriving a year later than promised, carrying a one-year warranty, on a schedule whose central justification has evaporated, with the risk of stranding assigned in advance to ratepayers, on the strength of a plan six years old — and with the numbers that matter most withheld from the very people who will pay for all of it."

The increase in rates for electric ratepayers if Maritime Electric's proposal is approved is NOT reasonable or justified.

Using diesel fuel for 50 years is not reasonable when there is a (mostly) world-wide transition away from fossil fuels, which will very possibly greatly decrease the availability, and increase the cost of diesel.

Renewable wind and solar power combined with large battery storage systems has been shown by IRAC's independent report by Synapse to be cheaper and just as effective as diesel turbines.

Also there is no justification for giving millions of dollars of profit to shareholders when that can be avoided by having the PEI government (through the PEI Energy Corporation?) purchase whatever generators or energy storage Maritime Electric needs.

IRAC should NOT approve MECL's application for the 100 MW diesel turbine project.

I also think that IRAC should provide funding for public interest groups to intervene in these electricity hearings.

Thank you,
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