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Re: Intervener status application

To Whom It May Concern:



I am writing today to request Friend of the Commission Intervener status on application #UE20742 – Supplemental Capital Budget Request for MECL's On-Island Capacity for Security of Supply Project.

I am seeking this status as the Third Party critic for Energy because, should the application be approved, the implications for rate payers and taxpayers, including thousands of Islanders who are my constituents, and tens of thousands more throughout Prince Edward Island, will be profound and long-lasting.

My application is to become a Friend of the Commission Intervener.

This application is being made under the *Electric Power Act*.

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The public interest issues are both economic and environmental. Economically, the potential cost of the proposal will create financial obligations for rate payers and taxpayers which will be carried over many decades, substantially increasing electricity costs well into the second half of this century. It will be our contention that the proposed mix of components in the application are not the most cost-effective choices that could be made, nor are the cost estimates in the application accurate over the anticipated life expectancy of the components.

Environmentally, the proposed mix of components in the application is not, in my opinion, either the most efficient or least emitting, especially considering the current generation options that are available. Equally importantly, this is particularly true of the likely advances in non-emitting and

efficient energy production options that will without doubt become available over the lifetime of the components in the proposed application.

I have spent a great deal of time going through the application, and speaking to industry experts both on Prince Edward Island and beyond about the appropriateness of some of the elements of the application, and alternatives that could be used.

I plan on making a verbal submission to the Commission, supported by a written statement which I will make available to the Commission.

I believe that my depth of knowledge on the energy and electric files generally, and on this specific submission, make me a useful contributor to the proceedings. I have also been a sitting Member of the Prince Edward Island Legislative Assembly for ten years, and have consistently articulated concerns about energy that were brought to me by constituents in my district, and by Islanders from tip to tip.

My verbal presentation will cover the entire application, questioning some of the supporting data, and rationale for some of the choices being proposed by MECL.

Other than the time required for me to make my presentation, I do not anticipate my involvement to create any extra costs or complexity for the proceedings.

The facts I shall bring have been gathered through research, and discussions with industry stakeholders and sector-related experts, which contradicts some of the evidence and data being put forward in the application. It will include alternative cost analyses, and potential mixes of generation and storage which could be employed in meeting the goals of reliable and affordable capacity, and energy security and supply for Prince Edward Island.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Bevan-Baker

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