



Docket: UE41400
Order: UE21-06

IN THE MATTER of an application by the Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation for extension of the time in which to file its 2021 Electricity Efficiency and Conservation Plan, and for the continuation of the approved Electricity Efficiency and Conservation Plan, pursuant to section 16.1 of the *Electric Power Act*, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-4;

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Order

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON Thursday, the 9th day of September, 2021.

J. Scott MacKenzie, Q.C., Chair
M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair
Erin T. Mitchell, Commissioner

BACKGROUND

1. On June 29, 2018, the Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation (“PEIEC”) filed an Electricity Efficiency and Conservation Plan (the “EE&C Plan”) for review and approval by the Commission, in accordance with section 16.1 of the *Electric Power Act*, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-4 (the “Act”).
2. On May 17, 2019, the Commission issued Order UE19-03 approving the EE&C Plan until March 31, 2021.
3. PEIEC was also ordered to undertake a DSM Potential Study in 2019/2020 to inform the next EE&C Plan. The DSM Potential Study was to include (among other things) measures to reduce peak load demand and the proportionate allocation of EE&C costs across residential and commercial sectors.
4. On March 22, 2021, PEIEC filed the DSM Potential Study with the Commission. PEIEC explained that the DSM Potential Study was significantly delayed due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.
5. PEIEC has advised the Commission that the DSM Potential Study is intended to inform the development of the 2021 EE&C Plan and future EE&C Plans. However, due to the delay in receiving the DSM Potential Study, PEIEC has been unable to develop a proposed EE&C Plan to be implemented effective April 1, 2021.
6. By correspondence dated April 13, 2021 and May 13, 2021, PEIEC advised the Commission that it anticipates filing the proposed EE&C Plan in or around October 31, 2021, for implementation on April 1, 2022.
7. PEIEC has requested that, in the interim, the approved EE&C Plan remain in effect for the period from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.
8. If the approved EE&C Plan remains in effect, PEIEC is forecasting net energy savings of 13.1 GWh in 2021/2022, and an estimated total cost of \$3,338,137.
9. On May 31, 2021, the Commission issued interrogatories to PEIEC seeking further information with respect to the proposed extension of the EE&C Plan. PEIEC filed its responses to the interrogatories on July 9, 2021.

DECISION:

10. The Commission has considered the requests, including the impact that the COVID-19 global pandemic has had on the development of the 2021 EE&C Plan, and is satisfied that the requests made by PEIEC are, in the circumstances, reasonable.

The Commission Orders:

1. The EE&C Plan as approved in Commission Order UE19-03 shall remain in effect during the period from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.
2. PEIEC shall file its 2021 EE&C Plan with the Commission on or before October 31, 2021, with a proposed implementation date of April 1, 2022.
3. PEIEC shall recover the EE&C costs for the 2021/2022 year, totalling \$3,338,137, as follows:

2021/2022	Amount
Maritime Electric Company, Limited	\$1,080,000
Summerside Electric	\$ 120,000
Province of PEI Funding	\$1,264,940
Federal Government Funding	\$ 873,197
Total Approved EE&C Costs	\$3,338,137

DATED at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this 9th day of September, 2021.

BY THE COMMISSION:

(sgd) J. Scott MacKenzie

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