



Docket: UE20735
Order: UE23-05

IN THE MATTER of an application by Maritime Electric Company, Limited for an order approving the 2023 Annual Capital budget, pursuant to section 17(1) of the *Electric Power Act*, RSPEI 1988, c. E-4.

IN THE MATTER of a request by Maritime Electric Company, Limited for interim approval of certain 2023 capital projects.

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Order

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON Monday, the 28th day of April, 2023.

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

OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION:

1. On July 6, 2022, Maritime Electric Company, Limited (“MECL”) filed an application with the Prince Edward Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the “Commission”) seeking approval of the Company’s 2023 Annual Capital Budget (the “Application”).
2. Following receipt of the application, the Commission gave public notice of the Application through a publication in local newspapers and on the Commission website. Interested members of the public were given the opportunity to issue questions to MECL, and submit comments to the Commission.
3. The Commission issued two rounds of interrogatories to MECL and MECL responded to the interrogatories on December 6, 2022 and March 28, 2023 respectively.
4. As the Commission’s review of the Application is ongoing, MECL has requested interim approval of certain 2023 capital projects, pending the Commission’s final decision with respect to the entirety of the Application.
5. The Commission has considered MECL’s request and has determined that an Order for interim approval of certain capital projects is appropriate in the circumstances.

ORDER:

The Commission Orders as follows:

1. The following 2023 capital projects are approved on an interim basis, pending the Commission’s final decision with respect to the entirety of the Application.
2. MECL is authorized to make capital expenditures not exceeding the amounts set forth herein.

	Approved Capital Project	Maximum Expenditure
4.2a	Combustion Turbine 3 ("CT3") Fuel Forwarding Building Upgrades	\$114,000
4.2b	CT3 Fuel Tank Coating System Upgrade	\$60,000
4.4b	BGS Tank Farm Upgrades	\$164,000
5.5a	Single Phase and Three Phase Line Rebuilds	\$2,406,000
5.5b	Reliability Driven Line Extensions	\$1,982,000
5.5c(i)	Eastern Cedar Pole Replacement Program	\$1,242,000
5.8a	Line Operation Vehicles	\$545,000
6.1a	Crossroads Substation Rebuild	\$3,323,000
6.1b	West Royalty X5 Autotransformer Upgrade	\$4,650,000
6.1c	Woodstock Switching Station	\$1,741,000
6.1d	Tignish Substation	\$2,573,000
6.1f	Substation Modernization Program	\$528,000
6.2c(i)	Transmission Lines	\$454,000

DATED at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this 28th day of April, 2023.

BY THE COMMISSION:

(sgd) J. Scott MacKenzie

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