



Docket: UE21318
Order: UE23-07

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IN THE MATTER of an application by Maritime Electric Company, Limited for an order of the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission approving the issuance of \$60.0 million first mortgage bonds, pursuant to section 12 of the *Electric Power Act*, RSPEI 1988, Cap. E-4.

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BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON Thursday, the 30th day of August, 2023.

J. Scott MacKenzie, K.C., Chair
M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair

BACKGROUND:

1. On August 22, 2023, Maritime Electric Company, Limited (“Maritime Electric” or the “Company”) filed an application with the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the “Commission”) seeking approval of an issuance of \$60.0 million in first mortgage bonds (the “Application”).
2. In accordance with section 12(1) of the *Electric Power Act* (the “Act”), Maritime Electric requires Commission approval for any proposed issue of bonds that are payable more than one year from the date thereof.
3. The Company states in the Application that the bond issuance is required to convert approximately \$59.5 million of short-term indebtedness incurred to finance normal business activities and the Company’s capital program.

DECISION:

4. The Commission has reviewed the Application and supporting materials and finds the issuance of \$60.0 million in first mortgage bonds to be a just and reasonable approach to the Company’s long-term financing requirements at this time.

ORDER:

The Commission orders as follows:

1. Approval is hereby granted for Maritime Electric to proceed with the issuance and sale of first mortgage bonds, provided that:
 - a) the principal amount is not to exceed \$60.0 million;
 - b) The debt is not to mature later than 30 years; and
 - c) the coupon interest rate must be established through a competitive market pricing process.
2. Upon completion of the issue and sale of the first mortgage bonds, Maritime Electric shall file with the Commission a copy of all documents delivered at the closing of the transaction, including an opinion from its legal counsel that the issue is made in accordance with every Act or regulation relating to the issue of securities.

DATED at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this 30th day of August, 2023.

BY THE COMMISSION:

(sgd) J. Scott MacKenzie

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