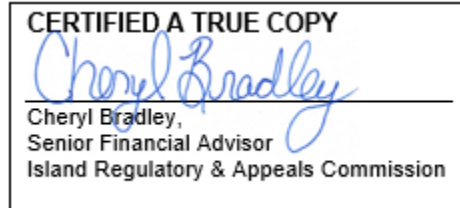




Docket: UE20742  
Order: UE25-03



**IN THE MATTER** of an application by Maritime Electric Company, Limited for the approval of a supplemental capital budget request for the On-Island Capacity for Security of Supply Project, pursuant to section 17 of the *Electric Power Act*, RSPEI 1988, c. E-4;

**AND IN THE MATTER** of requests for intervener status made on behalf of the Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation, Peter Bevan-Baker, and Energy Democracy Now! Cooperative Limited, pursuant to the *Rules of Practice & Procedure*.

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# Order

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**BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON Thursday**, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2025.

Pamela Williams, K.C., Chair  
Kerri Carpenter, Vice-Chair

## **BACKGROUND:**

1. On December 18, 2024, Maritime Electric Company, Limited (“MECL”) filed a supplemental capital budget request with the Prince Edward Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the “Commission”) seeking approval of its proposed On-Island Capacity for Security of Supply Project (the “Application”).<sup>1</sup>
2. The proposed Application includes three components:
  - a. Installation of a 10 megawatt / 40 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system;
  - b. Installation of a 50 megawatt combustion turbine; and
  - c. Installation of five reciprocating internal combustion engines, each rated at 18 megawatts (90 megawatts total).
3. The total estimated cost of the Application is \$427 million, with the expected accuracy within 30 percent.
4. Following receipt of the Application, the Commission gave public notice through a publication in local newspapers and on the Commission website. In the notice, the Commission invited interested parties to request intervener status, in accordance with the Commission’s *Rules of Practice & Procedure*. Requests for intervention were to be submitted by April 4, 2025.
5. The Commission received three (3) requests for intervener status with respect to the Application. Each request is discussed following.

### **Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation**

6. The Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation (“PEIEC”) requests to be recognized as an Added Party Intervener with respect to the Application.<sup>2</sup> PEIEC submits that it is a Crown Corporation responsible to steward the Province’s energy and electricity legislation, regulations, policies, assets, interests and related concerns. As such, PEIEC submits that it has a uniquely distinct and substantial public interest in the outcome of the Application, in addition to its statutorily mandated interest in how generation and capacity assets are owned and operated.<sup>3</sup>
7. PEIEC intends to actively participate in the proceeding, which may include cross-examining MECL, leading its own evidence, making submissions, and engaging in settlement negotiations. PEIEC submits that its involvement should not significantly or unnecessarily increase the cost or complexity of the proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit M-1

<sup>2</sup> Exhibit EC-1

<sup>3</sup> *Electric Power Act, supra*, section 17.1

8. MECL, as applicant, has no objection to PEIEC intervening as an Added Party to the Application.<sup>4</sup>

**Peter Bevan-Baker**

9. Peter Bevan-Baker, in his capacity as the Third Party critic for Energy, has requested Friend of the Commission Intervener status.<sup>5</sup> In support of his request, Mr. Bevan-Baker submits that the Application gives rise to public interest issues that are both economic and environmental. Mr. Bevan-Baker submits that his knowledge of the energy and electric files, together with his experience as a sitting Member of the Legislative Assembly (“MLA”), will allow him to make useful contributions to the proceeding.
10. Mr. Bevan-Baker’s intended participation is limited to making a verbal submission to the Commission, supported by a written statement. The verbal presentation will address the entire Application. Mr. Bevan-Baker submits that, other than the time required for his verbal presentation, he does not anticipate his involvement to create any extra cost or complexity.
11. MECL has no objection to Mr. Bevan-Baker intervening as a Friend of the Commission Intervener, on the condition that his involvement is limited to a verbal submission supported by a written statement.<sup>6</sup> MECL also suggests that it would be appropriate to place a reasonable time limit on the verbal statement, and to have the written statement filed a reasonable period in advance of the hearing.

**Energy Democracy Now! Cooperative Limited**

12. Energy Democracy Now! Cooperative Limited (“EDN”) requests to be recognized as a Friend of the Commission Intervener.<sup>7</sup> In support of its request, EDN explains that it is a community organization founded in 2023. Its mandate includes advocating for renewable and sustainable energy policies in Prince Edward Island, with a strong commitment to environmental sustainability. EDN submits that its aim is to ensure that the project aligns with the commitment to reduce carbon emissions and promote green energy solutions.
13. EDN’s intended participation includes submitting evidence and arguments that highlight the benefits of renewable energy sources, and engaging in the cross-examination of witnesses.
14. MECL does not object to EDN intervening as a Friend of the Commission Intervener, but does object to the nature and scope of its proposed participation.<sup>8</sup> MECL submits that, pursuant to section 14(1)(b) of the *Rules of Practice & Procedure*, a Friend of the Commission Intervener is not ordinarily vested with all of the rights of a party. As such,

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<sup>4</sup> Exhibit M-2

<sup>5</sup> Exhibit PB-1

<sup>6</sup> Exhibit M-2

<sup>7</sup> Exhibit DN-1

<sup>8</sup> Exhibit M-2

MECL submits that EDN's participation should be limited to the same extent as Mr. Bevan-Baker's.

### **DECISION:**

15. The Commission has reviewed each of the requests for intervener status and finds as follows:
  - a. PEIEC has a distinct and substantial interest in the Application and intends to actively participate in the proceeding. As a result, the Commission approves the request for Added Party Intervener status as filed on behalf of PEIEC.
  - b. Mr. Bevan-Baker, in his capacity as the Third Party Energy Critic and a sitting MLA, both represents the public interest and can meaningfully contribute to the proceeding. As a result, the Commission approves Mr. Bevan-Baker's request for Friend of the Commission Intervener status. Mr. Bevan-Baker's participation will be limited to a preliminary written submission, a verbal presentation, and post hearing written submission.
  - c. EDN is engaged with certain matters raised in this Application, notably renewable energy and green energy solutions. As this Application gives rise to public interest issues with implications beyond the parties, there is value in both community involvement and diverse perspectives. As a result, the Commission approves EDN's request for Friend of the Commission Intervener status. EDN's participation will be limited to a preliminary written submission, a verbal presentation, and post hearing written submission.
16. The Commission will establish procedures to ensure that this Application proceeds in a timely and efficient manner. These procedures may include, for example, timelines by which materials must be filed and/or time limits for oral presentations or the examination of witnesses. Each intervener is required to comply with the procedures established by the Commission, and with the Commission's *Rules of Practice & Procedure*.

### **ORDER:**

The Commission Orders as follows:

1. The following are granted intervener status with respect to this Application:
  - a. Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation is granted Added Party Intervener status.
  - b. Peter Bevan-Baker is granted Friend of the Commission Intervener status. Mr. Bevan-Baker's participation will be limited to a preliminary written submission, a verbal presentation, and post hearing written submission.

- c. Energy Democracy Now! Cooperative Limited (“EDN”) is granted Friend of the Commission Intervener status. EDN’s participation will be limited to a preliminary written submission, a verbal presentation, and post hearing written submission.
  
2. The Commission will establish further procedures to ensure that this Application proceeds in a timely and efficient manner, including (but not limited to) timelines by which materials must be filed and/or time limits for verbal presentations and the examination of witnesses. Each intervener shall comply with the procedures established by the Commission, and with the Commission’s *Rules of Practice & Procedure*.

**DATED** at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2025.

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

(sgd) Pamela Williams

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Pamela Williams, K.C., Chair

(sgd) Kerri Carpenter

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Kerri Carpenter, Vice-Chair