



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Regulatory & Appeals Commission

Commission de réglementation et d'appels

ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

Docket: UE20746
Order: UE26-08

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Cheryl Bradley,
Director of Finance & Regulatory Affairs
Island Regulatory & Appeals Commission

IN THE MATTER of the Application of
Maritime Electric Company, Limited for an
order approving of the 2026 Annual Capital
Budget and for certain approvals incidental to
such an order, pursuant to section 17(1) of the
Electric Power Act, RSPEI 1988, c. E-4;

Order

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON August 6, 2026.

Pamela Williams, K.C., Chair
Kerri Carpenter, Vice-Chair
Gordon MacFarlane, Commissioner

Background:

1. On November 24, 2025, Maritime Electric Company, Limited (“Maritime Electric” or “MECL”) filed its 2026 Capital Budget Application (the “Application”) with the Prince Edward Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the “Commission”) seeking approval of proposed capital expenditures totaling approximately \$102.6 million.
2. The Commission began its review of MECL’s 2026 Capital Budget Application in accordance with its normal process. On April 21, 2026, the Commission issued interrogatories to Maritime Electric seeking additional information regarding the proposed capital expenditures. On May 19, 2026 & June 11, 2026, Maritime Electric subsequently filed responses to the interrogatories, which formed part of the Commission’s ongoing review of the Application.
3. While the Commission’s review of the Application is ongoing, Maritime Electric requested approval on July 16, 2026 of Project 5.5(a)(i) – Kinross to Vernon River Line Rebuild (the “Project”), in advance of the Commission’s decision on the remainder of the Application. Maritime Electric advised that approval of this particular project would allow construction to proceed during the 2026 construction season while making productive use of contractors and Company resources already allocated to the Project.
4. As part of its review of the 2026 Capital Budget Application, the Commission issued a Notice of Application on January 10, 2026 inviting public comment. The Commission received one written submission from a member of the public. The Commission notes that the submission did not relate to Project 5.5(a)(i) – Kinross to Vernon River Line Rebuild.

Decision:

5. The Project involves rebuilding approximately 6.8 kilometres of an existing three-phase distribution line serving approximately 414 customers supplied from the Victoria Cross Substation. Maritime Electric states that the existing infrastructure has reached the end of its useful life and that replacement is required to maintain reliable service to customers.
6. The Commission has reviewed the information filed in support of the Project. The Commission notes that the Project is intended to replace aging infrastructure and is not proposed to expand the electrical system or accommodate customer growth. The Commission is satisfied that Maritime Electric requested approval of this Project in advance of the balance of the 2026 Capital Budget Application to allow construction to proceed during the current construction season, while making productive use of contractors and Company resources already allocated to the Project.
7. Maritime Electric estimates the total cost of the Kinross to Vernon River Line Rebuild at \$1.635 million, consisting of \$346,000 for materials, \$947,000 for contractor labour, and \$342,000 for internal labour and transportation. The proposed budget appears to align

with the scope of work described in the application and provides the Commission with sufficient information to assess the request for interim approval.

8. Having reviewed the information filed, the Commission is of the view that there is sufficient information and justification to approve Project 5.5(a)(i) independently of the balance of the Application. The Commission emphasizes that this Order applies only to the Kinross to Vernon River Line Rebuild. The remainder of Maritime Electric's 2026 Capital Budget Application remains under review and will be addressed in a subsequent Order.

ORDER:

In accordance with the reasons outlined above the Commission Orders as follows:

1. Maritime Electric Company, Limited is approved to proceed with Project 5.5(a)(i) – Kinross to Vernon River Line Rebuild as described in its 2026 Capital Budget Application.
2. This approval applies only to Project 5.5(a)(i) and does not constitute approval of any other projects included in Maritime Electric's 2026 Capital Budget Application.
3. The Commission will continue its review of the balance of Maritime Electric's 2026 Capital Budget Application and issue a further Order in due course.

DATED at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, August 6, 2026.

BY THE COMMISSION:

(sgd) Pamela Williams

Pamela Williams, K.C., Chair

(sgd) Kerri Carpenter

Kerri Carpenter, Vice-Chair

(sgd) Gordon MacFarlane

Gordon MacFarlane, Commissioner