January 27, 2017

Maritime Electric Company, Limited
c/o Mr. Ken Sampson, Superintendent, Operations Support/Standards Coordinator
PO Box 1328, 180 Kent Street
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N2

Dear Mr. Sampson:

Pursuant to subsection 9(1) of the Environmental Protection Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-9, I hereby grant approval to proceed with the proposed undertaking, specifically the construction and operation of the New Glasgow Substation and Transmission Line Project on the preferred route, running from the existing T1 transmission line on Route 2 in Hazel Grove to a new substation on the Bagnall Road.

Pursuant to clause 28(d) of the Environmental Protection Act, I consider it necessary in the public interest to impose terms and conditions on this approval. I, therefore, order that your approval is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1) That this approval covers the construction and operation of the New Glasgow Substation and Transmission Line Project on the preferred route, running from the existing T1 transmission line on Route 2 in Hazel Grove to a new substation on the Bagnall Road.


3) That MECL shall obtain the appropriate approvals, permits and/or agreements from the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy prior to carrying out any activity within the provincial right-of-way and/or on provincial property.

4) That MECL shall immediately notify the Director of Aboriginal Affairs & Archaeological Services, Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat (902-368-5378) in the event of the discovery of any archaeological material during project construction.
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5) That MECL shall immediately report all contaminant spills or releases that occur as a result of this undertaking to the Department of Communities, Land and Environment (DCLE) by calling 1-800-565-1633 and complete any necessary clean-up activities to the satisfaction of DCLE.

6) That MECL shall obtain a Watercourse, Wetland and Buffer Zone Activity Permit prior to conducting any work in or within 15 m of a watercourse or wetland. The permit can be obtained from the Environment Division of DCLE.

7) That MECL shall ensure that, where possible, all tree trimming/clearing activities are carried out prior to April 1 or after August 31.

8) That MECL shall construct and operate the project as per the Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) for High Powered Transmission Construction in PEI (Maritime Electric 2016).

9) That MECL shall inform the DCLE of any proposed alteration to the preferred route for transmission line construction and substation location. Any alteration deemed significant by the DCLE will require a separate approval pursuant to subsection 9(1) of the Environmental Protection Act prior to initiating any changes.

10) That MECL shall be responsible to ensure that any subcontractors, agents and assigns are aware of and comply with the terms and conditions of this approval.

11) That, in the event of the sale, lease, or any other conveyance or change of control of the Project, or any portion thereof:
   a) MECL shall provide written notice of this EIA approval and conditions to the lessee, controller, or purchaser, and said lessee, controller or purchaser shall be subject to and must comply with the EIA approval and conditions.
   b) MECL shall provide written notice of such lease, change of control, or conveyance to the Minister.

12) That it is incumbent on MECL to obtain all other necessary permits, licenses and approvals required by law, or required by any other municipal, provincial and/or federal regulatory agencies to construct and operate this undertaking.

13) That MECL shall, in the event that the facility permanently ceases operations, submit to the DCLE a decommissioning and abandonment plan for approval.

Sincerely,

Robert Mitchell
Minister

Cc: Hon. Paula Bigger, Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy