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Dear Mr. MacDonald

Please accept this letter in support to the application Parkland Fuels has before the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (IRAC) for a new service station at the Capital Drive and Maypoint Road roundabout in Charlottetown.

In 2008 PEI EMO conducted a study on the topic of fuel availability across PEI during a power outage, identifying what service stations had the ability to continue to provide services during a power outage. At that time there were no service stations in Cornwall, Stratford or Charlottetown with a means of auxiliary power. This meant a large portion, approximately 33 per cent, of PEI's population could be left vulnerable as a result of a lack of access to fuel during a power outage. Since that time things have improved marginally in that regard. There is now one service station in each of Cornwall and Stratford with full auxiliary power. In Charlottetown, however, there is only one service station with backup power which provides power to only one of their five pump islands.

The addition of another station, which can continue to deliver essential products as critical as fuel, would not only be a convenience to the residents but also offers a step forward in mitigating the limited access to fuel during a loss of power. In addition it should be noted that often the demands for emergency response typically increases during emergencies, police, fire, and ambulance agencies need to have an uninterrupted resource for fuel supply to maintain essential services.

The decision by Parkland Fuels to include the installation of a backup generator at their new proposed site, which would ensure fuel access during a power loss event, would be a huge step toward a higher level of resiliency within the largest populated jurisdiction in the province. From the perspective of public safety and recognizing the essential needs of residents during an emergency, PEI EMO applauds and supports this forward thinking approach taken by Parkland Fuels to enhance community safety and resiliency.

Yours Truly,

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