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RE: Northern Ontario Wires Application File EB 2008-0339

Dear Ms. Walli,

Please consider this letter a request for a complete OEB refusal to hear, and for an appropriate deferral on any ruling of Northern Ontario Wires (NOW) application and sale - File EB 2008-0339. This is to allow the Iroquois Falls residents, its taxpaying public and NOW users the ability to review all the relevant and beneficial facts of its sale, to verify appropriate legal and government processes have been followed and all conflicts of interests have been eliminated.

As a former Mayor and former Commissioner of Iroquois Falls Hydro, the public notification and appropriate processes by the Municipality of Iroquois Falls with regards to the sale of Northern Ontario Wires (NOW) and Northern Ontario Energy (NOE) was completely flawed. This openly public matter was intentionally kept hushed and behind closed doors. It is without public note in any council meeting minutes for 2007 or 2008, excepting the final resolution on October 9, 2008.

Legally, and morally, infractions have occurred under the Ontario Municipal Act by the Corporation of the Town of Iroquois Falls. Therefore, the request for complete refusal and deferment for the application until the appropriate authorities completely review the situation, along with the towns public owners and public shareholders having an opportunity to publicly review the facts and benefits of this sale by the Municipality along with an opportunity to voice their opinion via a plebiscite vote. Not allowing this request, may at some point allow for challenges of any ruling.

For your information, no public presentation or written facts explaining the benefits and facts were held or given by the Municipality to the Municipal shareholders and NOW users. It appears council believes the publics shares belong to them personally and the not the tax paying public.

When the NOW sale was first rumoured I personally appeared before council a number of times and requested justification for its planned sale. The Mayor stated 'council had done its homework' towards its sale. I requested this information in writing a number of times, and then via a Municipal Freedom of Information request to view that homework and to date I have not received anything. I have furthered my requests now to the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. You shouldn't sell a hydro utility on a whim, and this council needs to present its public and business case to the town, which are the real shareholders.

When further questioned, the Town Clerk of Iroquois Falls wrote, "the discussions to sell NOW and NOE shares were held at a (closed) Shareholders meeting in Cochrane". With regards to a consultants report, "A report was commissioned by the shareholders and such reports are not available to the public".