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Dear Ms. Kirsten Walli

As a residential customer of Grimsby Power Incorporated (GPI) I am disturbed by the proposed rate increase. I take particular issue with budgeting over \$400,000 for Succession Planning in 2016. I contend that spending 40% of the total Human Resource budget on Succession Planning is evidence of a lack of planning and the applicant should not place that burden on its customers. I was unable to find evidence in the application to support the assertion that not approving all of this money will result in a deterioration of service.

I am equally troubled by the fact that OEB approved the amalgamation between Grimsby Power Incorporated and Niagara West Transformation Corporation (NWTC) shows only meagre cost savings but now the entity going forward is adding considerable headcount. This totally defies the economic principle of economies of scale.

I am heartened by the fact that there are intervenors who have the time, energy and expertise to challenge the GPI application for an increase in greater detail. While the energy distributors claim that these intervenor costs are driving up costs I would argue that if the power distributors board of directors would do a better job of scrutinizing budgets in advance of submitting the application, intervenor costs could be reduced.

Sincerely,
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