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Subject: FW: Petition--stop the sellout of Orillia Power Distribution to Hydro One!
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To:
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Attention: Board Secretary

Dear Kirsten Walli,

Further to the telephone conversation earlier this month with Judith Fernandes, I am submitting to you the signatures on a petition to **stop the sellout of Orillia Power Distribution to Hydro One**. This petition includes 271 online signatures plus 239 signatures on paper for a total of 510 signatures. The paper version of the petition has been mailed out to you today and you should receive it in a few days so please watch for it.

The petition was created and launched by myself online the afternoon of February 6th and continued until the afternoon of February 28th (today) for a period of 22 days. The gathering of signatures was a one person effort. Not to claim lauds, the reason for pointing this out will soon become apparent.

I began a paper version of the petition February 13th when difficulties surrounding the online version became evident for several reasons:

1. People thought they signed but did not! I personally know 3 people who thought they signed but had not. I discovered this days later whilst doing a practise download of the petition. It turns out they had hit the 'sign' button but didn't wait for the form to pop up, perhaps it took a long time. These were people practised using personal computers. I would venture to say that at least half of the people who think they signed, if not more, did not, out of personal experience and, of course, there was no way of knowing who they were or how to contact them.
2. There is a crowd of people who will not sign anything online. The seniors crowd are, in fact, taught not to. This is why I started the paper version of the petition. Where only one had signed online, all the rest in the class ignored the online version but signed the paper petition when it was presented.
3. There were issues trying to reach out through Facebook.

Some signers are resident outside the Orillia area. These petition supporters were firm believers in not letting Hydro One gobble up local power companies. Some were witnesses due to personal experience: there are lots of horror stories out there about Hydro One.

The paper version of the petition represents a small sampling of people in the Orillia area covering door-to-door knocking less than 2 blocks in my surrounding residential area one afternoon, one morning at the downtown Orillia Farmers Market and 2 VON 'Smart' seniors exercise classes. I found that

almost everyone was glad to see it because they were opposed to the sellout of Orillia Power Distribution to Hydro One for the reasons stated in the petition and much more.

One thing, the few people approached apparently working for the City of Orillia seemed afraid to look at the petition expressing that it would be a 'conflict of interests' for them: I find that hinky. Only a handful of people would not look at the petition and it is not known if they could have been persuaded if they had more information; it was not my mission to argue with people on their front doorsteps to try to change their minds, rather to collect signatures from those already opposed to the sellout.

In this regard, the results of this sampling is even more impressive considering the bias that all of these people have been exposed to; about 2 years of ongoing one-sided campaigning by the City of Orillia and Hydro One, a veritable snow job, to sell them the sellout. With more time and effort to cover the entire Orilla area, the vast majority of people would likely be found to be against the sellout if given half the chance to say so.

There has been no open discussion concerning the sellout with the people of Orillia, no opportunity for argument, no referendum when, by law, there should have been. Orilla Power consumers own the company, it should never have been thrown into the forum of politics as it has, the City politicians and bureaucrats have had no right to sell it out. In fact, the sequestering of the dividends into the City coffers, withdrawal of greater funds assigning it to Orillia Power then subsequently charging high interest on the squandering reeks of a complicated and long term scheme of fraud that should be investigated.

Please, Ontario Energy Board, you must **stop this sellout now!**

Sincerely,

D. Morris

Dael Morris + 508 other voices

Cc: Judith Fernandes, Case Manager
Michael Millar, OEB Counsel

Attached: 11 pages paper petition photos
online petition comments

online petition signatures

online petition letter

p.s. sorry, will have to try again tomorrow for a less disjointed download of
online petition