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Ms Kristen Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms Walli:

***RE: Nipissing First Nation's request to participate in the Consultations
regarding Energy Issues Related to Low Income Consumers, Board
File No. EB-2008-0150***

I am writing on instruction from Nipissing First Nation to submit this letter as application to participate in the above referenced consultations and as a request for cost eligibility to participate.

Nipissing First Nation Interests in the Consultations

Nipissing First Nation is a community of approximately 2,082 people located in Northern Ontario just west of North Bay. Nipissing First Nation is not immune from the socio-economic statistics that impact First Nations in Canada such as low income, heavy reliance on social assistance and high unemployment. In addition, our geographic location is such that we are reliant solely on electricity, with no convenient access to natural gas or other forms of readily available electricity. This puts Nipissing First Nation membership in a disproportionately vulnerable position with respect to security deposits, billing plans and disconnection policies.

Grounds for Eligibility for Costs

Nipissing First Nation requires costs eligibility to participate. Nipissing First Nation will consult and represent the direct interests of its membership, who would otherwise be unable to participate directly in these consultations.

The vast majority of financial resources that Nipissing First Nation has are program based from the federal and the provincial governments. As such, these resources are conditional upon delivery of those programs and cannot be allocated to participate in the above referenced consultations.

Participation & Technical Support

Nipissing First Nation would like to have one representative and a consultant participate in the consultations. The name of the representative will be Dwayne Nashkawa the Executive Director of Nipissing First Nation and the consultant is anticipated to be Arnold May and their qualifications include approximately 31 years in the Power Generation industry. I have attached their CV for your reference.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fred Bellefeuille", is shown on a light yellow background.

Fred Bellefeuille

Arnold C. May

2008 Curriculum Vitae

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North Bay, Ontario
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Summary of experience:

- **Retired, consulting business owner for past 6 years.**
- **Volunteer and Board member for various groups.**
- **Lead negotiator with 10 years experience at Provincial Utility.**
- **Resolved past grievances held by First Nations through a joint problem solving process, which lead to 7 agreements.**
- **17 years as trainer, developer for maintenance trades.**
- **8 years as machinist/mechanical maintainer with utility, mining and steel producing industry.**

Professional/Employment Experience:

- **Consultant** **2002 - present**
- **Ontario/Ontario Power Generation** **1971 – 2002**

Positions held:

- **Business owner.** **2002 – Present**
- **Senior Analyst / Aboriginal Relations** **1997 – 2002**
Water Resources Division Reporting to Director
 - **Advice and guidance to Corporate office on Aboriginal Relations.**
 - **Oversee and manage Aboriginal Relations and past grievances for the Division.**
 - **Represent Corporation at Aboriginal functions including the Council for Corporate Aboriginal Relations with the Conference Board of Canada.**
- **Manager / Aboriginal & Northern Affairs** **1995 - 1996**
Branch Reporting to Vice President.
 - **Managed branch affairs in concert with another manager and a staff of five.**
 - **Responsibilities included managing budget and developing Policy.**

- **Senior Analyst, Aboriginal & Northern Affairs**
Branch Reporting to Senior Vice President. 1992 - 1995
 - **Lead negotiator and team member in joint problem solving processes to resolve past grievances held by various First Nations.**
 - **Implemented Native Circle within the Corporation.**
 - **Produced branch newsletter.**
- **Training Officer. 1991 - 1992**
 - **Responsible for the development of trades related training programs. Regulatory agency requirement.**
- **Machinist – Mining and Steel Industry. 1969 - 1971**

Education:

Certified, Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2001
Canadore College,
North Bay, Ontario, Canada.

Certified in Training System Design 1992
Durham College, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

Machine Technology (Honours) Sault College, 1969
Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada.

Professional Development:

Winning – Negotiation Skills.
Facilitation Skills and Group Facilitation.
Personality Trait Training, Presentation Techniques.
Communications and various computer training courses.
Completed Machinist Apprenticeship and Industrial Mechanic
Millwright programs.

Associations:

Board member for North Bay Hospital Foundation
Nipissing First Nation (NFN) Land Law and Nursing Home
Committee, past Land Code development, Housing, Education,
Constitution committees and Trust board. Hospital Fund raising
chair for NFN. Past president of NFN Economic Development
Corporation.

Director on Board at Wigwamen Inc, Wigwamen Non-Profit and Upper Canada Property Management. Co-chair of Water working group reporting to Resource Management Council at UOI.