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Dear Ms. MacNeil

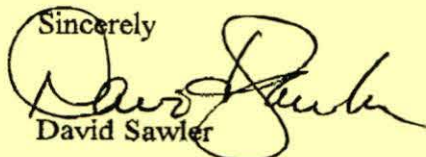
Re: NSPI's Load Retention Rate Application - Notice of Intent To Intervene

Recently, a number of electric power consumers from across the province met in Halifax to explore the benefits, issues and challenges that might flow from a formal, non profit electricity consumers alliance. The mandate of the alliance would include, among other things, a better understanding of the regulatory process. The upcoming hearing into NSPI's Load Retention Rate application is a timely event from the perspective of providing both an educational insight into the formal regulatory process as well as an opportunity for a broad cross section of power consumers to voice a position.

On behalf of this group of power consumers, I respectfully ask that this letter be accepted as a notice of intervention at the hearing on NSPI's application for a Load Retention Rate scheduled to commence on January 12th, 2000. A determination of the form of intervention has yet to be finalized by the group but should be done so early in the new year.

As the formal establishment of this electricity consumers alliance is in only the early stages, there is not a registered name that can be provided at this point in time. I can acknowledge; though, that the registration process has begun and should be finalized before the commencement of the hearing. As soon as the registration process is complete, I will advise you of the group's formal name in writing. If necessary, you may use my business name as a reference in the meantime.

Sincerely


David Sawler