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Dear John Harris:

Further to our conversation today here are the questions I would like to see answered by NSPC, and also discussed by other experts at the NSPI Load Retention rate hearing.

Please keep me informed of the answers.

- 1) If NSPI says they stand to lose 13.5 million dollars a year without the load retention rate, what effect would losing that amount actually have on rates to customers in different classes if they were turned down by the Board, and how do they arrive at those figures.
- 2) Would the 13.5 million in losses not be offset by the need to delay the construction of new generating capacity, which would in turn result in saving to NSPI and to the customer. What estimates can be presented in this scenario.
- 3) What kind of effects would customers leaving the system and generating their own power presumably from gas have on reducing pollution emissions from generating facilities of NSPI, and what would the overall lowering of emissions be including the emission levels by these new generators of electricity.
- 4) What can be forecast about the loss of jobs from not constructing customer owned generation in Nova Scotia, both in planning of these plants, their construction and operation, and what dollar figures can be forecast for these potential expenditures in the economy which would not take place with the adoption of a load retention rate.

.....etc. I think you can understand this line of questioning, and I think it is important to ask these questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Neal Livingston

