

LETTER RE: STANDING**APPENDIX D (III)**

THE WALKERTON INQUIRY

LA COMMISSION
D'ENQUÊTE WALKERTON

August 18, 2000

Re: Standing for Part I of the Walkerton Inquiry

In response to a number of requests, we set out below further information with respect to standing for Part 1 of the Walkerton Inquiry. The form of participation which may be granted to an applicant with Part 1 standing may vary.

Parties who obtain standing under s. 5(1) of the *Public Inquiries Act* shall be granted full standing with respect to the matters that are relevant to their interests.

It is presently contemplated that the participation of a party with full standing will include:

1. Access to documents collected by the Commission subject to the Rules of Practice and Procedure;
2. Advance notice of documents which are proposed to be introduced into evidence;
3. Advance provision of statements of anticipated evidence;
4. Seat at counsel table;
5. Opportunity to suggest witnesses to be called by Commission counsel, failing which an opportunity to apply to the Commissioner to lead the evidence of a particular witness;

6. Right to cross-examine witnesses on matters relevant to the basis upon which standing was granted;
7. Opportunity to review transcripts at Commission office (if you want to obtain your own copy, you must purchase it); and,
8. Right to make closing submissions.

Parties who are granted standing on a basis other than under s. 5(1) of the *Public Inquiries Act* may be granted a form of special standing. It is presently contemplated that the participation of a party with special standing will include any or all of the following:

1. Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 above; and
2. Opportunity to suggest areas for examination of a certain witness by Commission counsel, failing which an opportunity to request leave to examine the witness on such areas.

Parties may be granted standing, full or special, for all or a portion of Part 1 of the Inquiry.

In your application for standing, you should indicate those areas and issues in Part 1 which you believe substantially and directly affect you, or with respect to which you have a clearly ascertainable interest or perspective and the reasons why your participation will enhance the work of the Commission.. You should also identify whether you are seeking full or special standing for all or a portion of Part 1, and the reasons supporting your request.

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me directly at Freya.Kristjanson@jus.gov.on.ca if you have any further questions or comments. We will continue to update our website at www.walkertoninquiry.com , and we encourage you to check the Legal Information and News Releases sections on a regular basis.

Yours truly,

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