

August 23, 2013

Ms. Laurie Swami  
Vice-President Nuclear Services  
Ontario Power Generation  
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Dear Ms. Swami:

On August 21, 2013, the Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel received from the Saugeen Ojibway Nations a letter dated August 7, 2013 from Mr. Mitchell, President, Ontario Power Generation Inc., to Chiefs Kahgee and Chegahno of the Saugeen Ojibway Nations. This letter will be posted to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry Internet Site for the project as soon as possible, along with other documents received by the Panel from the Saugeen Ojibway Nations yesterday.

The Panel regards the submission of such a letter so close to the public hearing in the most serious of terms. The Panel is deeply committed to the integrity and fairness of the joint review panel process. The Panel requires assurance from Ontario Power Generation that any and all evidence regarding relevant and pertinent information required for the review be provided in a manner that ensures transparency and fairness to all interested parties.

The Panel requires answers to the following questions from Ontario Power Generation regarding the possible existence of other evidence, on or before August 27, 2013:

- Which Aboriginal groups are currently engaged in discussions and/or negotiations with Ontario Power Generation?
- Which other interested parties are currently engaged in discussions and/or negotiations with Ontario Power Generation, including, but not limited to, municipal governments? If individuals are being engaged, simply state that this is occurring and provide a general geographic location (e.g., local study area, regional study area). The Panel does not require individuals to be identified.

The Panel may request additional information and make decisions regarding the review depending upon the response to the above questions and depending upon the nature and significance of any other late submissions. If Ontario Power Generation does not provide the information requested, there could be a delay in all or in part, of the public hearing.

The Panel wants to make it clear that its recommendations at the end of the hearing process will be based on evidence and not on the basis of various agreements from outside parties.

Sincerely,

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Stella Swanson  
Chair, Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel

c.c.: James F. Archibald, Joint Review Panel Member  
Gunter Muecke, Joint Review Panel Member