

To: Mr. Ralph Tedesco
President and CEO of Nova Scotia Power Corporation
and Board of Director's for NSP

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Dear Mr. Tedesco,

I have made presentations in the last several years regarding the steady increases to our Nova Scotia power rates before the Review Board. I have been an outspoken proponent of NSP being Incorporated as a Crown corporation again, as it once was and having it working for the people of Nova Scotia - Not the shareholders only.

I would ask that you research what I have attached below in the report of my experience in Colombia, with information as a delegate several weeks ago.

Nova Scotia Power buys its' coal from Colombia. That is a fact. Many people in this province are unaware of this fact, as they depend on the power, and are not necessarily being informed of where the means that creates this power comes from.

Although I went to Colombia as part of a delegation, I am writing to you as a customer and a consumer that is living in and from Nova Scotia.

What I witnessed in the communities in the Northern part of Colombia that are directly affected by the different coal mining companies that supply NSP, was to say the least, disgraceful and beyond my wildest preparations.

The Indigenous peoples that live around these coal mines, and who we visited, are being abused far beyond anything that I have seen in my life of 51 years.

Canada is currently attempting to improve its past mistakes with Aboriginals and Indigenous peoples now. Let's not be a part of a similar mistake, by turning a "blind eye" just because it is being done in another Country and Continent. If we buy this product, then we are part of the problem!!

Mr. Tedesco, these are just ordinary people who just want to live and feed and raise their respective families, and retain their communities.

There are Human Rights abuses occurring, and as I state in my report that I do not use this term often nor lightly, that are systematically and systemically used to force the people off of their land in Colombia to gain access to the resource of coal that is under them. The lands, waters, and air of their communities have become polluted. The people in the La Guajira Region in Colombia need to be heard, and also need to know that NSP and the people of Nova Scotia do not approve of the mining practices complicity taking place in this area. There is starvation, intimidation, and heavy-handedness that should be reported to the world by us about these companies that we deal with, to fuel our energy in Nova Scotia.

I am asking you to investigate this, and see for yourself, as I cannot imagine that you are actually fully aware of the magnitude of this issue as CEO and President of NSP. In my report, I even suggest that those in Canada and Nova Scotia and other countries who buy this coal, are not fully aware to what the extent is of the terrible living conditions forced on these peoples, and I am assuming that you are one of these people. I am even suggesting that as CEO, you are doing your job while looking to get the best price for the consumers and shareholders of NSP. However, there is a very dark side to this. The best price comes with enormous ramifications for those who live around these mines. There are not just a few people that this is affecting. There are tens of thousands. If you are aware, I ask for an immediate response from you, and cc'd to the media attached.

We saw first hand the quality of life that these peoples are enduring since mining was introduced in their part of the world, and were told by the community leaders, of the strong arm tactics from these mining companies to force the peoples off of their land, and gain access to MORE coal. Just simple and obvious GREED.

I urge you to send representatives from NSP, or an independant delegation, with open minds - NOT to the Capital city of Bogotá, or where the National political leaders live, BUT to the actual communities that I have mentioned below. It would be best for you personally to attend, however if you cannot, at least send those who will report back to you of the accusations that I am very confidant in making here, and the living conditions that we encountered among those most affected.

Entire communities have already disappeared - however you have an opportunity to use your influence to help these people in the few communities remaining, that no one is hearing from in this part of Colombia. Already, the communities of Manantial, Caracoli and Espinal, Sarahita, and Tabaco have been destroyed. It is within the power of the consumers such as NSP of this coal, that includes you

and me, to save and at least help "negotiate" resettlement for the peoples in the remaining communities of Tamaquito, Provincial, Roche, Patilla, and Chancleta. And NOT to lands that are uninhabitable, as the mines did to those communities that I named above.

Nova Scotia buys the coal from this country, and this is Blood Coal. NSP has to, at the very least, demand that the situation and policies change from the manner that these companies operate, or NSP will and should look to an alternate supplier.

This coal may be cheap for NSP, but coal that is produced through Human Rights abuses cannot continue to be used by a Province such as Nova Scotia, nor a Country as Canada, nor anywhere else in the world.

We speak of Human Rights being upheld very proudly in this country, however a product and resource that is brought into our homes that is blatantly wrong, needs to be researched by your Company.

Please do not buy into a "Power Point" type of presentation that the Companies will show you. VISIT the peoples of these communities.

As CEO and President of NSP, I understand that you have a responsibility to manage the Company and bring strong rates of return to the shareholders, while also providing good service to consumers. However, as a community person, I would hope that you would also use this opportunity to do what is right. That is to investigate it closely. And that as a human being, it is a responsibility and an obligation that all of us share together.

I have also cc'd people who have an interest in this, as well as the Minister of Defense Peter MacKay (my Member of Parliament), as well as Nova Scotia's Premier Rodney MacDonald, as well as the media.

Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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