

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE RALLY

N. B. Power Not For Sale / People have a say on their Power

Date: **SATURDAY MARCH 20, 2010**

Time: **11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Place: **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FREDERICTON, N. B.**

THERE ARE MOMENTS WHEN PEOPLE NEED TO COME TOGETHER ON A LARGE SCALE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

MARCH 20TH IS ONE OF THOSE MOMENTS. THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE MUST BE HEARD.



- Transportation will be organized from various communities around the province
- Check www.nbpowernotforsale.org for **Rally** details as March 20th approaches



**If
YOU
Have
One of
These....**



**...Then
The sale of
NBPower
Assets
Impacts
YOU!!**

AND ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS FOREVER!

Please take the time to read the information inside and act now to help stop this sale, for our sake and the sake of future generations to come.



Rally March 20th, see details on back

What YOU Can Do

We have heard very often during the campaign to stop this sale, that there is nothing we can do. No one ever listens to us and it is a done deal.

This is not the case. There has been progress against the deal. We have had cabinet Ministers resign over this deal and the pressure put on them by their constituents. We must let our voices be heard. Here is what you can do.

- Email or Mail your MLA: email all members at once. Liberal: leglibmla@gnb.ca or PC legpcmla@gnb.ca
- Phone your MLA: You can get the contact information at <http://app.infoaa.7700.gnb.ca/gnb/pub/ListMLA1.asp> or by calling General Information: (506) 453-2506
- Get a copy of the petition, collect names and send it in. A copy of the petition can be found at <http://www.savenbpower.org/petition/Petition2.pdf>. Every name counts, so if you can even get one, send it in.
- Join the Orange ribbon campaign – Get a cheap roll of orange surveyors tape and tie it around a power pole, a light pole, your mailbox, any place you can think of to show your support of keeping NB Power in the hands of New Brunswickers.
- Join the Pink Slip campaign – Let the government know that if they are not listening to New Brunswickers, come election time, we won't be voting in any members that are not listening to what the people have to say. You can get your pink slip kit at <http://www.savenbpower.org/PinkSlipKit.pdf>
- Become informed by going to a Town Hall meeting or information session in your area.
- Visit www.savenbpower.org or www.nbpowernotforsale.org and learn further information on the deal.
- Join the facebook group, No to Sale of NB Power along with 30,000 other members.
- Attend Roadside rallies. Find where and When at the above sites.
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Facts On the Deal

5 year Rate Freeze?

Fact: New Brunswick currently has the lowest power rates in the Maritimes and less than most on the Eastern Seaboard. After the sale big industry will be charged 5.5 cents/kwh. **WE will be paying Hydro Quebec 7.35 cents/kwh for power WE are producing** This means, consumers, who will be paying 9.69 cents/kwh will be subsidizing the rate decrease for big industry.

Year 6?

Fact: HQ can demand the shut-down of our remaining power facilities with 12 months notice and **we** will have to pay for the decommissioning costs. In addition, any increased cost of power, should we exceed the very limited heritage pool allotment, plus associate interest incurred over the initial five years, and the transmission and distribution costs will be added to our bills starting in year 6. This is above and beyond the “allowed” rate increases based on inflation rates. If this sale does not go through we are threatened with a 3% increase however the current inflation rate is 3.9%, so if Power rates were tied to inflation now, as they will be after the sale, we would be facing a rate increase of 3.9% this year and inflation based increases will continue for eternity. NO ONE can predict what inflation rates will be in the future.

Lowering our debt?

Fact: Currently NB Power's debt ratio comparable to Hydro Quebec's. NB Power debt is separate from NB's provincial debt, it does not affect our credit rating and the company has been making a profit and paying down its own debt. NB Power has also been providing the NB government with money in the way of fees, taxes and income charges, which totaled over \$49 million dollars last year alone. This money is used for social programs and more. HQ will not pay taxes in NB so where will this shortfall come from in future? Either program funding will have to be cut or taxes will be raised. The money has to come from someplace.

The above are only a few reasons why this deal is so bad for NB and so good for HQ. We maintain all the risks and they maintain all the profit, from US. For more information on why you should say no to this deal can be found at www.savenbpower.org and www.nbpowernotforsale.org and become informed.