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Electrical Reliability Concerns

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Dear Arthur,

Over the last winter we had some failures in the 44kv line from Tiverton to Kincardine on Highway #21 (your ref: Line 95M4 and 95M6) February 24th 2001. Many of our citizens were without power for a long period of time. The linesmen of Hydro One did a wonderful job in restoring the power in extreme conditions and are a credit to your organization. However, concern was raised by some of our constituents, regarding the perceived frequency of these outages.

As a result of this, Council asked Westario Power for a report on the problem. Guy Cluff the CEO of Westario Power sent us his reply, which was given to Council on April the 25th. From this, I was actioned to approach Westario Power to see what suggestions and steps we could take to minimize these losses and unavailability of power to the Municipality.

The meeting was held on the 9th of May and was very productive and proactive. From this meeting we came up with four issues that we would like to discuss with you.

1. What preventative/ predictive maintenance programs can you establish on these lines to better guarantee the availability of power to our citizens.
2. We would like to have the regulated alternative supply from Wingham reviewed to see if it could handle the load in a duress situation. If it can't handle the load, what can be done to establish a secondary supply?
3. Can we come to some arrangement regarding the switching in a failure of supply by the Highway lines, as to minimize the outage times?
4. The drawings that Westario Power has are extremely out of date. I have the drawing (Douglas Point T.S. NA 95) in front of me and it shows 1985 as the last review. We are requesting updated drawings as soon as you can arrange them, as this may be placing our lines people in jeopardy. Could you please look into this with urgency.

Would it be possible to arrange a meeting with yourself, to talk about and resolve these problems? I believe that we can resolve all of these issues amicably and to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned.

Yours Faithfully,

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