

Q&A, NSPG and the Power Industry

Q: I heard that the government is cancelling power contracts and new power developments. Will the government honor existing agreements?

A: What was cancelled was the Large Renewable Procurement Round 2, which was for large scale projects, as there is no need for an additional 1,000 megawatts of new power at this time. This LRP2 procurement round was never even launched, so no commitment was actually cancelled. FIT and MicroFIT, where NSPG operates and is in kilowatts, are unchanged. Yes, the government is expected to honor existing legal contracts.

Q: I heard that the grid is full.

A: The IESO has classified the Northeast of Ontario as full for transmission availability. There have been so many successful energy developments, including those of NSPG, that a transmission upgrade will be needed to accommodate more projects.

Q: What do these changes mean to the future of NSPG?

A: We will keep growing the company to increase revenues. If we are unable to pursue projects that export power, we will be considering projects with net metering where a generator offsets its own consumption. Also, we have commenced construction on our remaining existing 5 contracts at the Industrial Park, and that will be our focus for the next year. NSPG has been under construction with projects non-stop since 2011, so we may even take a little breather in late 2017. Upon completion of these 5 projects, there will be 100 acres of solar projects at the Blind River Industrial Park. NSPG has work for the next 20 years, at a minimum, operating and maintaining its own projects and those belonging to other companies where we have been contracted. We are also looking at some interesting new profit opportunities in the power business.

Q: How do I stay informed?

A: Through our web page (currently being completely updated), through our Directors, through our office staff, and also NSPG is planning an open house in February, date to be announced. As well a Stakeholder Report is being prepared for delivery to the Town.

Q: What is the news on Plasco?

A: The company has been actively pursuing development opportunities and strategic partnerships and raising funds. There has been no alteration to the settlement, agreed to by all the parties, one and a half years ago.