



Date: April 21, 2016
From: Chief Rufus Copage
RE: Elder Nova Scotia Power Waiver and Information Release

Dear Community Members,

As many of you are aware, Sipekne'katik has a Seniors Program that is designed to provide assistance to those Band members who are 64 years and older by covering 100% of their heating and electric expenses.

I am pleased to share that we have been having ongoing discussions with Nova Scotia Power executives regarding Elder's power bills and disconnections notices. Through these discussions an arrangement had been made to develop a system ensuring our Elders would never experience power disconnection.

Sipekne'katik Band members who are 64 years and older are required to complete the enclosed **Waiver and Information Release** to benefit from this arrangement. If you are 64 years and older and choose not to complete the enclosed Waiver and Information Release, it will be your responsibility to ensure your powers bills are delivered to Sipekne'katik Band Office as per the payment due date listed on the bill.

During the next 5 weeks we will be sending people to visit with Band Members that are 64 years old and older that reside in Indian Brook to provide assistance filling out the enclosed waiver and information release. Elders are also welcome to mail, fax, email, and hand deliver these waivers using the following information:

Attn: Shirley Francis
Sipekne'katik
522 Church Street
Indian Brook, NS
B0N 1W0
Fax: (902) 758 2017
Email: sfrancis@sipeknekatik.ca

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

Chief Rufus Copage
Email: chiefcopage@sipeknekatik.ca
Phone (902) 805 0141

Cc: Nova Scotia Power

WAIVER AND INFORMATION RELEASE

I, _____, member of Sipekne'katik, in the county of _____
_____ in the province of _____

Please check box:

I am a Sipekne'katik Band Member

I am 64 Years (or Older) old

I, _____, authorize Sipekne'katik Chief and Council, or its authorized Designate, to gain any and all access to account information, which is held within Nova Scotia Power Incorporation. I also give permission for the Chief and Council, or authorized Designate, to discuss my respective power bills and account information with Nova Scotia Power Incorporation.

Spouses (only if applicable):

I, _____, am a spouse of the before mentioned Band Elder or Client of the Social Assistance Program. I authorize Sipekne'katik Chief and Council, or authorized Designate, to gain any and all access to account information, which is held within Nova Scotia Power Incorporation. I also give permission for the Chief and Council, or authorized Designate, to discuss my respective power bills and account information with Nova Scotia Power Incorporation

Where applicable, this consent is withdrawn upon ceasing to be a Client of the Band's social Assistance Program, or upon 90 days' notice by me.

Date

Signature of Band Elder

Signature of Witness

Signature of Spouse (If Applicable)