



Decision on an Application for Reconsideration of Decision on Standing (Peter Merrifield and Paul McNamara)

1. On January 27, 2024, the Commission received an email from Peter Merrifield and Paul McNamara (“the Applicants”) seeking reconsideration of my *Decision on Standing*, dated December 4, 2023, by which I dismissed their joint application for standing.

2. Pursuant to Rule 68 of the Commission’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, the Applicants require leave to bring this application.

3. I do not grant leave. Here is my explanation.

4. The Applicants’ email repeats essentially the same arguments that they made in their original standing Application. While they make specific submissions disputing the correctness of my standing decision, the application is essentially a restatement of their original submissions. A request for reconsideration that, on its face, contains no new significant information has no reasonable chance of success and does not warrant leave.

5. There has also been excessive delay in bringing the request for reconsideration. The Applicants waited for nearly two months after my decision was released and provided no explanation for this delay.

6. That said, I want to reiterate that my refusal to grant standing to the Applicants does not mean that necessarily they will be unable to play any role in the Commission’s

work. On the contrary, they could be called upon to testify to bring facts to the Commission's attention or to otherwise provide information and/or documents through other means.

7. The request for leave to bring an application is therefore denied.

Signed

Commissioner Marie-Josée Hogue

February 8, 2024