


Firm having Trouble Accessing Info

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A Calgary-based seismic data firm says it's had its fair share of difficulties and delays in trying to access information it believes Nalcor has. VOCM's Linda Swain explains in this report.

The company, GSI, wanted to know if Nalcor had access to, or possession of, any of the company's registered copyright and confidential information. GSI claims Nalcor had not been granted a license to access or use any of the company's seismic data.

Chairman Paul Einarsson says Nalcor refused to respond to their initial request. In the second instance, GSI made an access to information request in June of 2011, only to receive a package over a year later containing 17 pages of what appear to be a PowerPoint presentation. Company Chair Paul Einarsson says they have experience with access to information legislation in many jurisdictions, but this is the most difficulty they've ever encountered. He says they paid thousands of dollars and waited 18 months to receive what amounts to a public document.

(audio clip 16S) “ there’s no explanation for why we were charged basically a hundred and seventy dollars a sheet and...uh what happened to the other sixty seven hundred odd pieces of paper that they told us existed and why the additional thirteen month delay...”

Einarsson says they've taken Nalcor to court on the matter.

(audio clip 11S) “we’re appealing and we’re in federal court and of course the government has unlimited resources to, you know obstruct our right to this information and they’re spending all kinds of money doing that.”