

## C-NLOPB Accused of Copyright Infringement

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A Calgary-based seismic data firm is taking the C-NLOPB to court, seeking millions of dollars in damages for alleged copyright infringement. Geophysical Service Incorporated, or GSI, claims the offshore regulator provided other companies with some of its seismic data from the Labrador offshore. Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of GSI, Paul Einarsson, alleges that the regulator is violating the company's copyright.

Audio clip 1 (28s)

*“and we basically said that their legislation doesn’t give them the right to even ask for our data let alone use it to promote the province and give it away and it violates our copyright, violates the federal act, with the information act under which section 20 we meet all of those conditions that would prohibit the release...so we have the offshore petroleum board, we also have Nova Scotia offshore petroleum board and the NEB.”*

Audio Clip 2 (19s)

*“right now, the only thing that we have going is this refusal under the access to information act to let us know if they’ve had any access or possession of our data, and they’ve been fighting that tooth and nail and so we’re in federal court just simply trying to get that access to information request answered”*

He says the Board's legislation doesn't give them the right to even ask for their data, let alone use it to promote the province, and give it away. He claims that gives their competitors an unfair advantage, and it's interfering with their contractual relations with their customers. Einarsson says they're seeking an appeal of Nalcor's refusal to provide them with information under the Access to Information Act.

None of the allegations have been proven in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. The C-NLOPB would not comment on the matter since the case is still before the courts. Nalcor says it is putting together a response to the company's appeal.