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Written submission from the Bruce Power Pensioners Association

Mémoire de Bruce Power Pensioners Association

In the Matter of

À l'égard de

Bruce Power Inc. – Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station Bruce Power Inc. - Centrale nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

Demande de renouvellement, pour une période de dix ans, de son permis d'exploitation d'un réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission 280 Slater Street, P.O. Box 1046 Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5S9

April 6, 2018

Dear Commission Members:

I am President of the Bruce Power Pensioners Association. Our Association strongly supports Bruce Power in its application for a ten year renewal of its operating licence for Bruce NGS A and B.

The Bruce Power Pensioners Association was formed in 2007. We have over 1,800 members representing more than 54,000 years of experience in the nuclear industry.

Part of the role of our Association is to:

- Maintain a communication channel between Bruce Power and the Pensioners
- Initiate periodic presentations to Pensioners on the pension plan and any other issues affecting Pensioners
- Support Pensioner and spouses wellness program activities
- Support Bruce Power in ongoing activities
- Be an advocate of Bruce Power in the community
- Support Pensioner social activities

We, as Pensioners, consider ourselves Ambassadors of the company. We work with Bruce Power and the community in the many Bruce Power sponsored community endeavours. We contribute to a safer and better community.

We have participated in:

- Planting the Living Snow Fence
- Community E-waste collections
- Habitat for Humanity builds
- Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village
- Support of Community Television programming
- Breakfast Programs for local schools
- Bruce Power Community Beach Party

Bruce Power not only financially assists the Association, but actively works with it. A senior manager sits on our Executive on behalf of Bruce Power.

The company, in conjunction with its employee wellness program, works with us to help in our wellness program for pensioners and spouses. The company also actively participates in our annual general meeting by providing senior Executives to speak to our members about what is currently happening on the site, providing updates on the state of the pension plan, explaining health benefits, etc.

Bruce Power is an integral part of the community. Prior to Bruce Power taking over the Bruce site from OPG, the local towns were in dire straits. OPG had closed down generating units and the impact of lost jobs as a result had a terrible effect on the communities. Population was decreasing, businesses were closing, house values were dropping rapidly and there was no hope that our children could remain in the community due to lack of employment. The communities were in a rapid decline.

When Bruce Power took over the site, it breathed life into the communities once again. Their capital investments, with the local economic spinoff effects, brought the communities back to life. They offered many job opportunities, not only during their expansion phase, but also in the operation of the site. They have employed many young people which has caused housing to grow, schools to expand (when they were closing previously) and local businesses to flourish.

With the commencement of the thirteen billion dollar, multi-year Life Extension Program agreement with the IESO, Bruce Power has positively changed the economic outlook for this area for generations to come. For the first time, suppliers are being encouraged to establish operations locally in our communities. Bruce Power, Bruce, Grey and Huron counties have joined together to establish a Nuclear Economic Development and Innovation Initiative to maximize economic opportunities for all communities across the region. Young people now have the opportunity to stay in their local communities and new, young professionals and trades people are being encouraged to move to this beautiful area, with all that it has to offer.

Not only does Bruce Power contribute to the local economy, but it also financially supports many local charities and organizations. There isn't a week that goes by where you do not hear of Bruce Power supporting some local charity or service in the communities. They are a great corporate citizen and should be commended for this.

The safety culture of Bruce Power in its operations is also something that needs to be recognized. Their recent improvements as a result of the Fukushima disaster are a testament to their strong safety culture. They are a leader in safety in the nuclear industry. Ninety three percent of the local community believe Bruce Power operates safely. This is not only a tribute to Bruce Power, but also to you, the regulator for the excellent work you do.

Bruce Power has invested heavily in their operations and the local communities. The company has the overwhelming support of those communities as evidenced by the many surveys conducted locally.

Bruce Power, with their low costs, strong operational performance, as demonstrated by world rankings, excellent safety record and strong community support definitely deserve to continue supplying Ontario 6,400 MW into the future.

Bruce Power has earned the renewal of their operating licence for ten years.

The Bruce Power Pensioners Association strongly supports Bruce Power's application.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Mullaly President Bruce Power Pensioners Association