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Mémoire de **REALTORS®** Association of **Grey Bruce Owen Sound**

In the Matter of

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

Audience publique de la Commission -Partie 2

May 28-31, 2018

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Written submission from

Grey Bruce Owen Sound

REALTORS® Association of

Commission canadienne de sûreté nucléaire

À l'égard de



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April 12, 2018

Commission Secretariat Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission 280 Slater St. P.O. Box 1046, Station B Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

Dear Commission Members:

On behalf of the members of the REALTORS® Association of Grey Bruce Owen Sound, (RAGBOS), we would like to offer our strong support for the renewal of the operating licence for Bruce Power.

RAGBOS has 394 licenced REALTORS® registered with its member offices, who provide services and support to Bruce Power employees, including both individuals and families, in the purchase and sale of their homes, as well as in the construction of new homes and/or purchase of secondary recreational or cottage properties, throughout the region. The geographical area served by the Association is in southwestern Ontario, bordered by Lake Huron and Georgian Bay including Bruce and Grey Counties, and part of Wellington County.

In addition, our Realtors are assisting supply chain companies, as part of the MCR Life Extension program, in procuring commercial, manufacturing, offices and warehouse space throughout the region. This influx of companies is having a huge economic impact on local retail merchants, service businesses, hotels and restaurants in the villages, towns and cities in the surrounding area.

This economic growth and demand has resulted in an unprecedented and record setting low supply of months of housing inventory at 3.8% at the end of March, 2018, up a bit from the 2.9 months recorded at the end of March 2017 but still well below the long-run average of 9.8 months for this time of year. The number of months of inventory is the number of months it would take to sell current inventories at the current rate of sales activity.

In addition, the average price of homes sold in March in the Association area was \$345,310, up 13.4% year-over-year compared to March 2017.

Bruce Power has partnered with RAGBOS and Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce in the first Habitat Build on the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation Neyaashiinigmiing Reserve No. 27 on the Bruce Peninsula in 2017. Four homes will be built on the reserve in 2018 through this partnership.

Safety First is Bruce Power's No. 1 value, and it's not a value that ends at the Bruce Power property line.

Bruce Power ensures all residents within 50km receive an annual Be Prepared guidebook which covers all sorts of emergencies, not just nuclear. This guide is updated every year and is a valuable resource local area Realtors ensure is presented to new residents to the area. Bruce Power employees also bring home with them their safety first values, which is apparent throughout the communities in which they live.

As community members, we are confident in Bruce Power's role as a safe, responsible nuclear operator. We also recognize the safety analysis and assessment function the CNSC plays in its independent oversight role, adding another layer to the safety and security of the nuclear industry as a whole.

Sincerely,

REALTORS® Association of Grey Bruce Owen Sound

Gail McCartney President