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In the Matter of

À l'égard de

Bruce Power Inc. – Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station Bruce Power Inc. - Centrale nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station

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

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**Dear Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission:** 

As the Member f Provincial parliament for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, I am pleased to add my support to the application by Bruce Power Inc. to renew, for a period of 10 years, its power reactor operating licence (PROL) for the Bruce Nuclear Generating Stations (NGS) A and B located near Tiverton, Ont.

I understand this is the first time Bruce Power has requested a licence extension longer than five years, and it has been initiated in effort to allow them to proceed with their Life-Extension Program, which will see \$13 billion invested into the site, allowing it to operate through to 2064.

Bruce Power has a strong record on social responsibility, assisting and even championing the needs and causes of my constituents and their communities. Most recently, Bruce Power's donations to the Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey ensured children's programs, shelter repairs, driving, groceries and other assistance reached abuse victims. On average, Bruce Power donates \$2 million every year to causes close to home. Since 2011, it has donated about \$10 million to support program that focus on non-profit and Indigenous groups, students, mental health, military, veterans and first responders. It is important to note its support also extends to causes that go beyond Bruce and Grey counties, and most recently it donated about \$10,000 to the Canadian Red Cross' Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. It is clear that Bruce Power is a major and important supporter and force for good across our communities and beyond, in addition to being a force for positive growth and economic success for our region.

Major energy projects like this one benefit from the robust vetting process by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) who has a solid, 70-year-long record of regulating nuclear safety and protecting our health, safety, security and the environment. I believe CNSC will continue to base decisions on good science and facts and ensure that good projects can proceed to grow our economy and ensure good jobs for my constituents and all Ontarians.

Since it assumed operational control of the site in 2001, Bruce Power has gained a significant amount of experience and achieved many successes. Specifically, the return to service of Units 1 and 2 was a success and provided important lessons as the company plans for the multi-year, multi-billion dollar Major Component Replacement (MCR) Project for the six remaining units, thereby establishing a long-term structure that ensures safe, reliable, clean and affordable electricity for the people of Ontario.

Bruce Power has played an active role in bringing more investment, skills and opportunities into our region. As a leader in supporting community infrastructure projects and local sponsorship opportunities, Bruce Power partnered with the County of Bruce to launch the Nuclear Economic Development and Innovation Initiative to leverage economic opportunities in our region. Bruce Power is committed to supporting long-term sustainable growth in our community by working together with supply chain companies and communities to build a nuclear energy economic hub that will redefine our communities, ensuring we are thriving and sustainable while enhancing the economic health of the province for decades to come.

Bruce Power also supports our small businesses. Last year it launched a new website that enables local businesses to design and post coupons to market their local business across the region. Bruce Power did this because it knows that to be successful, we need to raise awareness of our regions' services and amenities and maintain a strong retail and service sector.

Bruce Power is transparent in its communications and very open to engage in ongoing dialogues on how we can support them. Through the Nuclear Industry Regional Advisory Committee, our community leaders receive regular updates on Bruce Power's Life Extension Program and supplier expansions. These regular communications enable us to plan and prepare for growth.

On behalf of my constituents, I can say that we are confident in the safe operations of their facility and their emergency preparedness plans. In fact, many of my constituents work at Bruce Power and continue to be strong advocates for Bruce Power's operations and meaningful contributors to our social and economic health.

Theirs is a model that has served us very well over the last decade and will be essential moving forward. I support Bruce Power's milestone agreement and welcome the jobs it will create, the secure production of 6,300 megawatts of energy it will deliver, and the emissions-free, clean, green, baseload power that generates \$6.3 billion in annual economic benefits.

Thank you.

Bill Walker, MPP

Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound