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Mémoire de Brian Riess

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Inc.** 

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Application to Renew the Class IB Nuclear Fuel Facility Licence for Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Inc. in Port Hope, Ontario Demande de renouvellement du permis d'exploitation de l'installation de combustible nucléaire de catégorie IB pour Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Inc. à Port Hope (Ontario)

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

Re: Cameco Fuel Manufacturing's licence renewal application (November 23-24, 2022 Hearing)

Dear President and Commission Members,

My name is Brian Riess, and I am a proud employee of Cameco Fuel Manufacturing (CFM). I started with Cameco right out of school as a research scientist, and after leaving, have returned to work at CFM, first as a Lead Process Engineer, and now as the Coordinator of Technical Services for the plant in Port Hope, Ontario. I am writing today in support of CFM's 20-year licence renewal request and production rate increase.

Cameco Fuel Manufacturing has a long history of safe operation in Northumberland and has been a supportive community member throughout its history. Safeguarding the health and safety of people, both employees and the public, along with the environment is Cameco's number one priority.

Nuclear energy is a part of the climate crisis solution. Full stop. It is integral to the continued power generation in Ontario, and throughout the world. A 20-year licence is a commitment by Cameco to continue to combat climate change, benefiting everyone for generations to come. In addition, fuel produced at CFM is used in reactors that are providing life saving medical isotopes.

Cameco is a major presence in the community of Port Hope. Supporting major events throughout the region, including hosting a community barbeque to raise awareness of the company's activities, and the give back to the community we live and work in. Cameco also sponsors a United Way employee giving campaign each year, and more recently has completed a series of activities to Step Up for Mental Health, raising both money and awareness for Mental Health supports in Northumberland.

Based on the company's operating performance and their continued commitment to excellence to safety and the environment, I believe that Cameco should be granted their 20-year licence renewal and production rate increase.

With Gratitude,

Brian Riess, P.Eng