



**Written submission from  
Stéphane Boucher**

**Mémoire de  
Stéphane Boucher**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de la

**New Brunswick Power Corporation,  
Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station**

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**Société d'Énergie du Nouveau-Brunswick,  
centrale nucléaire de Point Lepreau**

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Application for the renewal of NB Power's  
licence for the Point Lepreau Nuclear  
Generating Station

Demande de renouvellement du permis  
d'Énergie NB pour la centrale nucléaire de  
Point Lepreau

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Part 2**

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**Subject:** NB Power - Renewal of the Point Lepreau Power Operating License

My name is Stéphane Boucher and I am a second-generation employee at Point Lepreau Generating Station.

I am writing to provide support for our station's 25-year license renewal because I believe in the importance of the work we do at Point Lepreau and I am proud of our commitment to safety, the environment and to generating reliable electricity for the people of New Brunswick. I submitted an intervention for our last license renewal hearing and I am pleased to do so again this time.

I am a professional engineer but my introduction to the station was first through my father, a long-time employee who has since retired, and then as a summer student for four years in the Public Affairs and Mechanical Maintenance departments. During that time, I gained insight into how our performance as individual employees and as a station impacts our community and the people who use the electricity we generate. These were lessons that have influenced my education and my work throughout my career.

Over the past 20 years, I have worked in a variety of roles with progressive responsibility, including both during the refurbishment project and during operations, as a field engineer, as a design engineer and as a supervising engineer.

As the son of a Point Lepreau worker, I grew up with the values of safety culture at home. I learned to never take anything for granted, to validate everything and consider the consequences of my actions. I learned this before I ever entered the station. I believe there are many families in our community who share those values in their homes because someone in the family works at our station and has learned these important lessons in their work life. It is enshrined in us and becomes part of who we are as people and members of our community.

As a design engineer my mandate is to protect the design basis and to ensure that what I do in my work will always first and foremost preserve or enhance the safety basis inherent in our station design in order to protect the safety of the public and the environment. I have witnessed this same commitment in my co-workers.

As engineers we take a vow to work in a manner that ensures safety above all else. At Point Lepreau, I feel supported in my personal commitment to do that through the ongoing training,

the reinforcement of processes and our station's culture. It is all about ensuring safety and continuous improvement. It is simply what we do.

This is one reason why I support the request for a 25-year license application. Point Lepreau has been safely generating electricity for 40 years and both the station and our employees have received the highest levels of industry recognition for our commitment to nuclear excellence. I firmly believe that our employees will continue to operate the station to the highest levels of safety and compliance to ensure the protection of our workers, the public and the surrounding environment. I feel this commitment will be upheld each and every day, no matter the duration of the operating license granted.

In closing, I support the application for the renewal of the Point Lepreau operating license and appreciate the opportunity to share my views as part of this process.

Sincerely,

Stéphane Boucher, P. Eng.  
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