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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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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
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Ottawa, ON  
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**Re: Renewal of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Power Operating Licence**

I am a contractor at the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station (PLNGS), and I am writing in support of the renewal of the licence at the station.

I have been working for the past 22 years as a contractor at the station. It is a good job that offers rewarding work and pay. The value of that cannot be overstated.

We sometimes hear the phrase that we should “put our own oxygen mask on first” because then we are in the best shape to help others. Well, that is exactly what the Point Lepreau station does for its employees. It creates an environment where we have the resources and skills to pay back our good fortune to our families, our co-workers and our community. This is what I want to talk about in my letter.

What I really find most valuable at Lepreau is the sense of community and shared commitment for achieving excellence in our work towards a common goal of excellence in performance.

One of the things I noticed very early in my time with Lepreau was the strong bond around safety culture amongst the station employees and contractors. It doesn't matter what role you play at the station, a strong understanding of nuclear safety and personal workplace safety training is integrated into everything we do - from the drive into the station at the beginning of shift, to the parking lot, to the workplace. Safety is embedded in everything. Other workplaces are committed to safety as well, but at Point Lepreau, safety is just built into everything. On Day 1, I received training and since then, during my work at the station, safety training is ongoing and communication about safety is simply part of every workday.

For example, feedback and communication are highly encouraged. It is an expectation that everyone speaks their mind and contributes to continuous improvement. This has the effect of allowing people to feel comfortable and encouraged, not afraid, to speak up when they have a concern or suggestion for improvement. Personally, I feel respected by my co-workers and supervisors at Lepreau and that is important for anyone to do the best job possible.

That is part of the sense of community within the station. But, that sense of belonging also carries on outside of the plant. I am an area resident and I have been touched by the generosity of my co-workers – both contract and permanent staff at the station - when it comes to giving back to the community.

The Point Lepreau management team and New Brunswick Power are excellent corporate citizens. The culture created at the station rubs off on all of us. The people are some of the best you will find anywhere. That doesn't happen by accident. We grow into these people through our shared culture at the station.

I have a need in our community for recreational opportunities for some of the local children. My co-workers and I feel privileged to help fill that need donating our time and money to make sure all children have the opportunity and the equipment to play in the local park, which is donated by the station. When I think back over the past 25 years, I think of the many children who have had a better future because they were able to have become part of their own community through ball hockey games and other sports at the park. When I think about them and see their many faces in my mind, I am filled with a sense of great satisfaction that I could help contribute to that. I couldn't have done it alone. And I didn't need to because I am part of the Point Lepreau team.

Over the years, we have helped many people from families less fortunate who need a bit of help at Christmas, to a child fighting cancer, to the children in my own neighbourhood who just need that chance to hit the ball, learn a new skill and make some friends. These are the things that life is made of.

I try to imagine what life would be like without the Point Lepreau station in our community and I cannot even imagine it. It has meant everything to us to have the station here as a community partner, an employer, and a place where we all learned how to be and share our best selves with others. The things I learn at Lepreau are lessons I take with me elsewhere to other job sites and into my personal life.

I think we are fortunate to have this employer in our community and I heartily recommend the licence renewal of the station.

Sincerely,

Dave Wilson  
Local Resident