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Written submission from the Bruce Power Pensioners Association

Mémoire de la **Bruce Power Pensioners** Association

**Bruce Power Bruce Power** 

**Bruce Power Mid-Term Update of Licensed Activities** 

Rapport de mi-parcours au sujet des activités autorisées de Bruce Power

Réunion de la Commission **Commission Meeting** 

**September 20 and 21, 2023** 

Le 20 et 21 septembre 2023





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

## To the CNSC Commission:

On behalf of the Bruce Power Pensioners Association, I write this letter to show our support for Bruce Power during this mid-cycle review.

Bruce Power continues to prove itself to be a safe and reliable nuclear operator that benefits the Province of Ontario through clean, reliable and affordable electricity, while also benefitting the region in which it resides. The company is focused on continuous improvement and has increased its safety record and unit reliability, while also increasing output of carbon-free power, since it was granted a 10-year license renewal.

As President of the BPPA, I represent over 2,500 Bruce Power pensioners who had long and successful careers in the nuclear industry – many starting with Ontario Power Generation (formerly Ontario Hydro) before helping to build and shape Bruce Power upon its founding in 2001. Over the past two decades, Bruce Power completed first-of-a-kind refurbishments that paved the way for today's successful life-extension programs on both the Bruce Power and OPG Darlington sites, while expanding its medical isotope program to the benefit of the world's health care community.

Closer to home, we Pensioners see the positive impact Bruce Power has in our communities on a daily basis. The company donates \$2 million annually to Indigenous communities, environmental initiatives, local, provincial and national health care organizations, youth development, and events that draw thousands of visitors to our region every year.

As the area's main employer, the continued success of Bruce Power is imperative to the local and provincial economies as well. Locally, over 60 nuclear suppliers have a presence in the counties of Bruce, Grey and Huron, while young people are now able to stay close to home for their careers in the nuclear industry, skilled trades, and more. The ability to have a career in rural Ontario brings a youthful vibrance to our communities that will allow our area to thrive for generations. Provincially, Bruce Power invests \$4 billion annually into the provincial economy, as over 90% of the company's spending stays in Ontario (incredibly, 98% stays within Canada).

Bruce Power is a true leader in the nuclear industry and a company that all other operators should strive to emulate. Thank you for allowing the Bruce Power Pensioners Association the opportunity to show its ongoing support for Bruce Power and its safe operation in our region.

Doug Mullaly President, Bruce Power Pensioners Association