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Labour Council**

**Regulatory Oversight Report
for Canadian Nuclear Power
Generating Sites for 2023**

**Rapport de surveillance
réglementaire des sites
nucléaires pour 2023**

Commission Meeting

Réunion de la Commission

February 25, 2025

Le 25 février 2025

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Grey Bruce Labour Council Submission regarding Upcoming public meeting on the Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Power Generating Sites: 2023

Dear Members of the Commission

Please accept this letter as the written submission from the Grey Bruce Labour Council (GBLC) for the Public Hearing scheduled for February 25, 2025 regarding the public meeting on the Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Power Generating Sites: 2023

The Grey Bruce Labour Council (GBLC)

The GBLC was Chartered originally to the Canadian Labour Congress in 1956 as the Owen Sound and District Labour Council. Chartered to the Canadian Labour Congress and renamed as the Grey Bruce Labour Council in 1994 the council is a general labour organization where representatives of unions in the catchment area of Grey and Bruce Counties in the Province of Ontario are able to come together for mutual aid and education with the goal of giving a combined voice to workers and improving the lives of working people in the catchment area.

Carrying out locally focused campaigns on local issues and national and provincial issues as per the Canadian Labour Congress and the Ontario Federation of Labour the GBLC has always ensured that energy is firmly in the queue of issues. For the GBLC energy is every bit as much a local interest as a provincial or national interest and the GBLC has been able

to act as positive intervener on a number of occasions for Bruce Power and its predecessors, OPG and Ontario Hydro.

The unions represented at the GBLC table represent private sector and public sector unions. In addition, the unions represented by local delegates are international unions, national unions and provincial unions. In addition, the GBLC welcomes to the table a variety of organizations representing anti-poverty, LGBTQIA+, United Way and other socially responsible groups. Some unions represented are as follows:

- Ontario Public Service Union, OPSEU
- Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, OSSTF
- Power Workers' Union, PWU/CUPE1000
- Canadian Union of Public Employees, CUPE 255
- Society of United Professionals, SUP, IFPTE Local 160
- Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association, OECTA
- Unifor 1106
- CUPE 1189
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, IBEW
- Unifor 2458
- Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario, ETFO

In addition, staff from the Canadian Labour Congress and the Workers' Health and Safety Centre regularly attend GBLC meetings to provide guidance and services.

Either collaborating with organizations such the Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council or independently, the GBLC has provided written submissions to the CNSC and has appeared as a positive intervener on behalf of the licensee (most recently Bruce Power) on a number of occasions.

Specific to this public meeting workers represented by unions at Bruce Power are active at the GBLC. The PWU and the SUP are two such examples.

Support for Bruce Power

Being inclusive and transparent Bruce Power has made it very easy for the GBLC to have access to Bruce Power staff and, through appropriate channels and procedures, access to facility tours. From Bruce Power's earliest time in the region, the licensee has been a

partner to the community and the various community partners such as the GBLC have found the relationship with Bruce Power to be overwhelmingly collaborative. One such example in a long list of examples is described immediately below:

In 2021, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the GBLC presented Bruce Power with the first ever Community Activist of the Year Award for the work of Bruce Power in aiding in the supply of personal protective equipment for healthcare workers in the region and beyond. The enterprise demonstrated the depth of care for the community and beyond and supported the long term assessment by the Grey Bruce Labour Council that Bruce Power is an excellent corporate citizen and a responsible nuclear licensee.

CNSC Staff's Assessment

We are in full support of CNSC Staff's assessment

Below is a summary of the report's findings in relation to Bruce Power:

Through compliance verification activities, CNSC staff concluded that Bruce Power (and other nuclear power plants in Canada) operated safely in 2023. This decision was based on CNSC compliance verifications and checks made on 14 various CNSC safety and control areas.

In addition, CNSC concluded the following:

All regulatory limits with respect to radiation dose to workers, public and environment are well below the required regulatory limits.

All unplanned power reductions and outages were controlled per design and safely managed.

CNSC concluded that Bruce Power continued to operate both stations and site in a safe manner meeting regulatory requirements

Concluding Remarks

The operations of Bruce Power along with the refurbishment and major component replacement work will sustain and add to the clean, safe and reliable generation capacity in Ontario.

Bruce Power's leadership on medical isotopes is world renowned and save lives everyday.

In addition, the ongoing safe, clean and efficient operations will set Bruce Power up for future new build and further reduce carbon emissions.

Finally, Bruce Power remains an integral partner of the immediately surrounding communities while continuing to contribute provincially, nationally and internationally.

Thank you to the Commission, CNSC Staff and everyone participating in this process. A transparent public process and strong regulatory oversight help maintain the high level of health and safety that we see in our workplaces and in our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

On Behalf of the Grey Bruce Labour Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Trumble". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Dave Trumble, Vice President Bruce County, Grey Bruce Labour Council

Cc: GBLC