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**Written Submission from
United Steelworkers Local 13173**

**Mémoire de
United Steelworkers Local 13173**

In the matter of

À l'égard de

Cameco Corporation

Application to renew the Class IB nuclear fuel facility operating licence for the Port Hope Conversion Facility for a period of 20 years

Cameco Corporation

Demande visant à renouveler, pour une période de 20 ans, le permis d'exploitation d'une installation de combustible nucléaire de catégorie IB pour l'installation de conversion de Port Hope

Commission Public Hearing

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Tribunal Officer, Secretariat
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

Re: Cameco's licence renewal application for the Port Hope Conversion Facility (Nov 3-5, 2026 Hearing)

My name is Bill Clark. I am the President of United Steelworkers Local 13173. Our Local represents over 230 workers at Cameco's Port Hope Conversion Facility (PHCF). We all proudly contribute to the conversion of uranium into products used to fuel reactors in Canada and into uranium hexafluoride for customers around the world. I am filing this written intervention on behalf of my Local in support of Cameco's application to renew the facility's Operating Licence for a term of 20 years.

We have a direct and ongoing interest in this licence renewal. We work inside the plant every day. We live in and around Port Hope. Our families live here. Our jobs, our health, and the safety of our community depend on this facility being operated to a high standard and remaining under effective CNSC oversight.

Safety is not just a slogan for our members. It is how we operate from the beginning and to the end of every shift. At PHCF, safety culture is visible in daily work: pre-task discussions, stop-work authority that members use if a potential risk becomes known, radiation protection practices, constant training and re-training, reporting of hazards and near misses, and follow-up when something is not right.

Our Local treats health and safety as a non-negotiable aspect of our everyday work. Union representatives raise issues, participate in inspections, investigations, and expect management to act.

Radiation doses to workers have been controlled well below regulatory limits. Environmental emissions have been kept to a small fraction of release limits. Those results are not accidents. They come from procedures our members follow, training they receive, equipment they maintain, and a shared understanding that nuclear work leaves no room for shortcuts.

A 20-year licence does not mean 20 years without scrutiny. Our members know the CNSC inspects, reviews annual performance, and can act at any time. We support that oversight. We also support a licence term that matches the maturity of the programs already in place and the record this site has built.

USW Local 13173 and Cameco bargain, grieve, and disagree when we must. We also sit at the same table on safety, training, and operational issues that affect the plant. The relationship is not perfect. No workplace relationship is. It is respectful, it functions, and it has produced many collective agreements that members have ratified. That stability supports safe, predictable operations.

As President of USW Local 13173, I am authorized to speak for this Local. I have consulted our members. The position of this Local is clear: we support Cameco's application to renew the Port Hope Conversion Facility operating licence for 20 years.

Our members want this plant to keep operating and to keep making fuel. This work is skilled, regulated, and important to Canada's nuclear fuel cycle and to clean electricity. It is also important to Port Hope. These are good jobs held by people who take pride in doing their work the safe way.

Support for renewal is not a blank cheque. We will continue to hold the company accountable on safety, on working conditions, and on the quality of the labour-management relationship. We expect the CNSC to continue its independent oversight throughout any renewed term, including annual reporting and inspections. Our support is for continued safe operation under that framework.

Sincerely,

Bill Clark
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