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In the Matter of

À l'égard de

Bruce Power Inc. – Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station Bruce Power Inc. - Centrale nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station Demande de renouvellement, pour une période de dix ans, de son permis d'exploitation d'un réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission 280 Slater St., P.O. Box 1046 Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5S9

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to our attention that Bruce Power Bruce Power has applied to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission for a 10-year operating licence renewal – the first time they've requested a licence extension longer than five years. A 10-year licence will allow them to proceed with their Life-Extension Program, which will see \$13 billion invested into the site, allowing it to operate through to 2064. On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kincardine & District, I would like to formally submit our letter in support of Bruce Power's application.

Our agency has been supporting the municipalities of Kincardine and Huron Kinloss since March 1984, and we are looking forward to continuing to provide our services for many more. Part of our agency's success in the community comes from the financial and in-kind support we receive from Bruce Power and companies affiliated with its operation. It is my understanding that this new project will bring new business to our area, and therefore provide even more community investment, as a result.

At Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kincardine & District, we provide necessary support to children, youth and their families, which directly supports the social pillar in our municipal sustainability plan (referring to BBBS Canada's Strategic Plan). As Canada's leading child and youth mentoring charity, BBBS facilitates lifechanging relationships that inspire and empower children and youth to reach their potential, both as individuals and as citizens.

There are dozens of studies showing the direct link between mentored youth, and improved socio-economic status, confidence, academics and mental health (to name few benefits). Through the continued development of community partnerships, like the one with Bruce Power, we are able to provide much needed agency activities, opportunities for our families to give back to the community, and concrete contributions to the social and economic sustainability of our community.

Bruce Power's financial support, in part, allows us to provide screening and matching of volunteers with these children, as well as group mentoring programs. Ongoing professional management is also needed, at a cost, to keep the mentoring relationships going strong, we hope, until the child graduates high school. By supporting our mentoring programs, Bruce Power helps us provide more volunteer mentors and the associated financial resources required to manage and support the volunteers and our programs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters makes a difference in our community by providing children, youth and families in need with one-to-one mentoring and group mentoring services that are proven to help kids stay in school, avoid risky behaviour such as bullying, and grow up to be more civic-minded adults. Bruce Power makes a difference by supporting events that provide funding needed for our professional, trained staff to screen volunteers and match them in long-term safe mentoring relationships or enter or group programming, while providing necessary ongoing management and support for the volunteers, children and families.

If you have any further questions regarding our support for Bruce Power's application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gillian Andrews
Executive Director & Mentoring Coordinator