



**Written submission from
Women's House Serving
Bruce & Grey**

**Mémoire de
Women's House Serving
Bruce & Grey**

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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To whom it may concern,

We are a 13-bed women's shelter, offering several means of support to women and children who have experienced abuse in our rural area. We are one of only two shelters in our area, which are often filled to capacity and using waiting lists to try to assist those in need. We service a large, widespread rural area, and the help and financial support that Bruce Power has provided us over the years has been instrumental in our success. There was a day when we couldn't reach everyone in need, we had limited means and limited opportunity to raise awareness of the services that we offer so we could help those in need. So, those in need sat in isolation, living through horrific abuse, with no support system in place. We have been in operation since 1984, and Bruce Power has recognized the value in our services and programs and been sponsors of most of our fundraising events since their inception. Bruce Power, through their Community Investment and Sponsorship Program, as well as other employee initiatives, such as donations from golf tournaments, entering teams in our Walk a Mile in Her Shoes program, or Gate Donation initiatives, has always leaped at the chance to help Women's House in our efforts. And through that support, we, at Women's House have been able to reach more and more women and children in need each year, expanding our services, programs and resources to towns and villages that we were unable to reach before. This type of change is life altering for some.

We have two major fundraisers each year: our annual Gala, held in the Fall, and our International Women's Day celebration, which is held in March each year. Bruce Power has always been our biggest financial supporter at each event, sponsoring in our highest sponsorship category, and providing prizes for the Trivia Game contests and Silent Auctions that we hold during the events. These events have allowed us to raise the necessary funds to fill the gap between government funding and the actual costs to run the vital programs and services that we offer to abused women and children. Every year at our Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event, Bruce Power enters at least 2 teams, and sponsors several of the prizes, helping us to raise awareness about the serious causes, effects and remediations to men's sexualized violence

against women. These men don't just talk the talk, they walk the walk, and Bruce Power is helping us make a difference.

We, at Women's House, definitively support Bruce Power's 10-year License Renewal application, as they have become such an integral part of our community and provide so much, in terms of positive results, to our community as a whole. Not only does our community benefit from Bruce Power's continued licensing, in terms of a microcosm of our country, but also our Province, as a whole – without Bruce Power we would be left to rely on energy sources that provide a less than adequate amount of power, a less reliable source of energy and more pollutants for a more costly means of “keeping the lights on”. We need Bruce Power, but the province needs Bruce Power too.

Bruce Power has always been not only been a huge asset to our community in terms of being supportive of community efforts, but also, as a large corporation in a rural community, they have operated in a way that is caring and mindful of the impact that they've had on our community. They are at all times a corporation that strives for transparency, focusing on including the community in the process of all the changes that they have made, and allowing for community debate about the issues. Through that process they have built public confidence and much trust and support from those in the area. Women's House is not the only community entity that feels this way. There is rarely a person in our local area that isn't touched in some way by Bruce Power, and we feel very strongly about supporting them and their continued growth in our area.

We understand that there is a rigorous and robust process set out by the CNSC before Bruce Power can be allowed to move to the next stages, and we applaud that high standard. We live in this area too, and we want the best for it. We want to see Bruce Power succeed, and we appreciate that they will be doing their best to be able to meet the standards that are set out for them by the CNSC. And then those of us who live and work in this area will reap the rewards of a successful Bruce Power.

We thank you for your consideration of Bruce Power's 10-year License Renewal application, and look forward to the decision.

Sincerely,



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