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In the Matter of

À l'égard de

Request for a temporary exemption from subsection 9(4) of the Class I Nuclear Facilities Regulations

Demande d'exemption temporaire du paragraphe 9 (4) du Règlement sur les installations nucléaires de catégories I

Public Hearing - Hearing in writing based on written submissions

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May 5, 2020

Mr. Marc Leblanc, Commission Secretary Secretariat Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission P.O. Box 1046, Station B Ottawa, Ontario KIP 5S9

Dear Mr. Leblanc:

Subject: Request for Short-term Extensions to Personnel Certifications for Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station expiring in 2020

The purpose of this letter is to request, pursuant to Section 7 of the *Nuclear Safety Control Act* and Section 11 of the *General Nuclear Safety Control Regulations*, an exemption from Section 9 (3) (c) and 9 (4) of the *Class I Nuclear Facilities Regulations* to allow short term renewals to Personnel Certifications at Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station (PLNGS) which expire in 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of the compensatory actions PLNGS has undertaken, to secure the reliable and safe operation of its nuclear facility, the normal Certification Requalification Testing regimen has been postponed putting personnel certifications in jeopardy of expiring due to an inability to carry out requalification requirements at this time.

Attachment A outlines the actions PLNGS has implemented in response to the COVID-19 crisis and the associated federal, provincial and municipal Declarations of Emergency as well as the impacts of this response on the Certification Requalification Testing regimen. PLNGS requests that staff identified in Attachment A be granted six-month short-term extensions to their certifications in order to maintain adequate numbers of certified staff for minimum complement requirements during this time of crisis in Canada and the World.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Alan Sinclair, Operations Training Superintendent, at (506) 647-4135 or asinclair@nbpower.com.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:

1. Attachment A: Details to Support Short Term Extensions of PLNGS Personnel Certifications expiring in 2020