



**Written submission from
South Ridge Maple Co. Ltd.**

**Mémoire de
South Ridge Maple Co. Ltd.**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de la

**New Brunswick Power Corporation,
Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station**

**Société d'Énergie du Nouveau-Brunswick,
centrale nucléaire de Point Lepreau**

Application for the renewal of NB Power's
licence for the Point Lepreau Nuclear
Generating Station

Demande de renouvellement du permis
d'Énergie NB pour la centrale nucléaire de
Point Lepreau

**Commission Public Hearing
Part 2**

**Audience publique de la Commission
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Re: Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station – Renewal of the Operating Licence

Commission Secretariat:

I am writing to state my support for the renewal of the operating licence of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station.

My name is Zakary Hargrove. Along with my wife Karen, we have owned and operated South Ridge Maple Co. Ltd. since 2015, located in Knowlesville, New Brunswick. Our vision is to become the largest organic maple syrup company in the world, and to bring technological innovation to what has traditionally been a very low-tech industry.

My family has been in the maple business for three generations. My father and mother, Gus and Sandra Hargrove are the owners of Canadian Organic Maple Co. Ltd. Together, we have over 260,000 trees tapped in the South Ridge area of central New Brunswick. I am a third generation Electrical Engineer and I bring a practical approach to designing and operating efficient and large syrup operations.

We also consider ourselves stewards of the forest. We respect and care for the land in all aspects of our operations and strive to ensure we do not impede animals who roam the woods. The health of the land and environment is of utmost importance to us personally and in support of the quality of our product.

My grandfather designed, built, owned and operated a small hydro electric generating station which has been tied to the NB Power grid since the 1970's. I have been directly involved with electricity generation from a young age.

In addition to running the farm, I also work on contract for the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating station. I was directly involved with **CSA N293-07 Fire Compliance Project** at PLNGS and continue to support the station as the third party responsible for fire penetrations and fire dampers.

I believe the station is operated safely and Point Lepreau staff are committed to protecting the safety of the workers, the community and surrounding environment.

I believe the employees at the station are well trained, professional and operate the station safely.

As a contractor working at the station, I am held to the same high standards as Point Lepreau employees to ensure the safety of workers, the community and protection of the environment.

I receive comprehensive training which makes me feel comfortable and safe working at the station. I'm encouraged to raise any concerns I may have in any aspect of the work I do at the station.

The protection of the environment including the land and surrounding waters is clearly a priority for the station and its employees. This is evident because I see first hand the environmental steps that are included in the processes and procedures that are in place for workers and contractors to follow prior to working on any piece of equipment or systems.

If I ever have a question or concern with the station, I know who to call to get my questions addressed.

In closing, I believe the Point Lepreau station is operated safely and with great care and protection of the surrounding environment.

Please accept this letter as my support for the renewal of the operating licence.

Thank you,



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