Written submission from the Kincardine Cross-Country Ski Club

In the Matter of

Bruce Power Inc. – Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

May 28-31, 2018

Mémoire du Kincardine Cross-Country Ski Club

À l’égard de

Bruce Power Inc. - Centrale nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

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

Audience publique de la Commission – Partie 2

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Dear Commission Members,

I am writing on behalf of the local ski club, and as a local citizen, in support of the application by Bruce Power for a 10 year operating licence. I understand that previous licences have been granted for a shorter period, but in present circumstances it makes eminent economic sense and good planning practice to grant an operating licence for this longer period. A longer time horizon permits much better long-term planning not only of the reactor renewal programme, of jobs, and of sub-contracting, but also of regional infrastructure and social service provision where the normal time horizon is more like 20 years.

A classic example of the increase in costs that results from a short time horizon was the construction of extensions to Toronto’s subway system. Each time a new short-term contract was awarded new tunnel boring machines had to be obtained (instead of simply re-locating operating TBMs), new geotechnical engineers had to be hired as the codified and tacit knowledge gathered by the engineers on previous projects was dispersed to other projects, and whole new supply chains had to be re-built. Short time-horizons greatly increased the cost of the project.

Bruce Power has been a good supporter of the community including the activities of the Kincardine Cross Country Ski Club. We are a voluntary group that for the past 25 years has built and managed the trails of a 100 acre property at Stoney Island (a bit north of Kincardine) owned by Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

Yours truly

(Dr) Glen Norcliffe
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