Written submission from the Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce

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 de la Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce

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

28-31 mai 2018
Dear Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Secretariat,

We at the Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support of Bruce Powers’ 10 year operation license renewal.

The Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce is a not-for profit organization which serves as a vehicle for businesses and economic development in the region. We are a source for communication, education and advocacy for our members and hold many community events of which Bruce Power continues to support.

The 10 year license renewal will allow for Bruce Power to continue to operate and begin on its Long Term Extension Program which is a $13.3 billion project that will allow the plant to continuously and safely operate well until 2064. Since Bruce Power does provide 30% of Ontario’s electricity at 30% less than the average cost to generate residential power, this ensures that Ontarians are able to maintain a lower cost of electricity. This will also bring in new residents to our area and help drive new business to our town. We are excited as a business community at the potential economic development that will help existing business and bring in prospective new businesses to our town. Kincardine is a vibrant community which largely exists with Bruce Powers’ support.

Bruce Power has helped many Kincardine Chamber projects, one we can always count on for Bruce Power is our Santa Claus Parade. Bruce Power allows the chamber to purchase candy to give out to the local children when they visit Santa. We always look forward to seeing Bruce Power employees walk in our parade, we are always so grateful for their yearly support.

The Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce also receives tremendous support when Bruce Power sponsors the Citizen of the Year award for the Kincardine Community Achievement Awards. A favourite amongst both businesses and residents alike. Bruce Power is always more than happy to lend its assistance throughout the planning stages and attend the Gala to present the award to the winner. We are very grateful to have Bruce Power as one of our award sponsors.

Bruce Power CEO Mike Rencheck has been a strong supporter of doing business with local business first. This has allowed for many of its supply chain members to set up offices and warehouses in the Kincardine community, some of these businesses include but are not limited to Worsley Parsons, RCM Technologies, CRG Energy, Modus, Stantec, Kinetics and many more. As this letter is written there is a 128,757-square-foot, 2 story training centre currently being built in Kincardine, with more following development following suit. To help promote local businesses in Kincardine and Bruce County alike, Bruce Power along with Bruce County and local businesses in the area have teamed up together to create Coupon Country, a paper and website flyer distributed to its 4200 employees and new residents highlighting the many businesses in our area. This is a great initiative to create exposure to our already existing business sector. Bruce Power also holds yearly Economic Summits, this allows for our local politicians, business owners, county workers and chamber partners to help educate everyone on their current and future projects, especially concerning the Lifetime Extension Program. They also hold roundtable discussions and public meetings to answer any concerns or questions their partners and Kincardine residents may have during this new phase of development. Kincardine is a small part of the future project with 90% of future jobs will be directly sourced from suppliers in Ontario.
supporting over 22,000 jobs for Ontarians either directly or indirectly from hundreds of small to large suppliers throughout the province. Due to this approach, Bruce Power is able to keep costs low and do their part to deliver lower rates of electricity for the province.

We are not the only ones who support Bruce Power, in April of 2017 the Ontario Chamber of Commerce showed its support of the nuclear sector, recognizing it as a main driver of employment in the province. This past May, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, The Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce, Saugeen Shores Chamber of Commerce and Bruce Power invited its supply chain members for a breakfast highlighting the need to be a presence in the Community, show its support of the new residents in the area and the growing business community in our regions. This opened the dialogue between our chambers and we are now working together to help build a bridge between our two growing communities. We cannot thank Bruce Power enough for their committed support to bringing in new business in our community and have been a part of the economic development process, every step of the way.

As part of Bruce Powers’ commitment to Indigenous members of the community, Bruce Power has opened the dialogue and have encouraged both itself and its supply chain members to work with members by creating the Indigenous Relations Supplier Network. This will allow for supply chain members to collaborate with Indigenous communities and businesses. This further strengthens Bruce Powers’ Indigenous Policy, a commitment they made to the Indigenous community in hopes that it will strengthen the ties both within the business sector and with Indigenous members.

In conclusion, we at the Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce are proud to support Bruce Power in its 10-year license renewal process. We hope that member of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission recognizes the positive effects of having such a driving force for business in the community and provincially. We hope that the commission sees the many community projects that Bruce Power supports either by its participation or its financial support.

Thank you,

Krista Holtby
President, Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce

‘A Voice for Business in Our Community’
Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce
Support of Bruce Power 10 year operational licence renewal
Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce

• Supports the Bruce Power 10 year operational licence renewal of Bruce Power

• Understands the economic impact a company such as Bruce Power has in the Kincardine community and its residents

• Bruce Power is one of Kincardine’s largest economic driver for new business in the community

• Bruce Power supports an incredible amount of local initiatives and events in the community (ex: Santa Claus Parade, Community Achievement Awards)
Several new supply chain members have set up shop locally, due to Bruce Powers’ support of supplying to local businesses first (ex: Stantec, RCM Technologies, Kinetics, Sargeant & Lundy, MODUS, Black & McDonald, EMC Power, CRG Energy).

Bruce Power continues to support its longtime supply chain members who has established their business in Kincardine for over 10 years (CTSNA – 12 years, NA Engineering – 10 years).

Bruce Power is currently building a 129,000 sq ft, 2-storey building that will be used as office space and training centre, which will welcome 500 employees daily.
Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce

• Bruce Power keeps its community and business members informed of every step of the way, they hold yearly Economic Development Summits. This allows for local politicians, business owners and developers, and chamber members to be informed of the potential new businesses arriving in town, they spend time to educate its community partners on current and future projects they are working on for the Long Term Extension program.

• Bruce Power works to strengthen ties between communities, bringing in the Kincardine & District Chamber of Commerce and Saugeen Shores Chamber of Commerce to work together for future projects.