Written submission from the Huron Chamber of Commerce – Goderich, Central and North Huron

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
Huron Chamber of Commerce – Goderich, Central and North Huron

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

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To whom it may concern,

The Huron Chamber of Commerce – Goderich. Central and North Huron is a member driven, and funded organisation dedicated to a strong socially responsible business climate. We value a pro-active business approach to matters of importance to our community and values community leadership in all sectors striving to exemplify the best in business. We value our role as advocates for business to constructively influence public policy and government.

One of our greatest strengths is our ability to build relationships with organizations that have the best interest of our members in mind. An organization that brings value to the community they serve and represents the kind of integrity and forward thinking like Bruce Power is an essential relationship for any Chamber of Commerce to have.

The Chamber’s engagement with Bruce Power began long ago as they are a major player in the local economy simply by virtue of the high-paying, skilled jobs they provide. With the announcement of the Major Component Replacement (MCR) program, and the creation of the Nuclear Industry Regional Advisory Committee (NIRAC) the relationship entered a new and much more intense phase. Huron County was invited to represent themselves by contributions from County Economic Development, The Office of The Warden of Huron County, and The Huron Chamber of Commerce – Goderich. Central and North Huron. Bruce Power’s engagement with the Chamber as a mentor and Advocate Sponsor has been invaluable as well. One of our best attended Breakfast functions was a talk given by James Scongack, Bruce Power's Vice President, Corporate Affairs & Environment about the MCR and The Chamber’s role in the area.

Bruce Power is also truly a member of the community, their pursuit of information by constantly monitoring and measuring their socio-economic impact (Regional Study Areas) demonstrates their commitment to understanding the landscape so that their long-term strategies benefit everyone and contribute to the success if their operations. Their impact on the quality of local skillsets in the labour market has helped to change the level of education available in Huron County. Fanshawe College has located a campus in Goderich offering quality technical education locally, allowing the County to retain highly valued younger members of the community. This in turn makes attracting other young professionals a reality as is evidenced by the availability of doctors in Huron County.
The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and its 70-year history of regulating nuclear safety in Canada has made it a touchstone internationally as the standard of governance and regulation in the industry. As Canada's nuclear regulator, responsible for regulating the use of nuclear energy and materials to protect health, safety, security and the environment and ensuring Canada's international commitments to the peaceful use of nuclear energy; and disseminating objective scientific, technical and regulatory information to the public CNSC has no peer. The CNSC enjoys a unique position compared with other regulatory bodies, which affords significant advantages. The Canadian public and the international community are served ably in all regards.

None of this mentions Bruce Power’s commitment and contribution to the environment, the wealth of opportunities available to Canadian Business with a robust and reliable electrical infrastructure anchored by a stable and strong provider, or the safety and security this offers our citizens.

In closing, The Chamber’s mandate to promote existing business and attract new business, maintain a presence beyond our borders and advocate for our region and its businesses is made much easier, and in fact, partly possible by our relations with Bruce Power. We fully support any and all efforts and endeavours they pursue, in particular their application to the CNSC for a 10-year operating licence renewal, allowing them to proceed with a Life-Extension Program, and look forward to our future relations.

Sincerely,

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