



**Written submission from the
Canadian Union of Skilled Workers**

**Mémoire de
Canadian Union of Skilled Workers**

In the Matter of

À l'égard de

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

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

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

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

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

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Mr. M. Leblanc
Commission Secretary Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

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Dear Mr. Leblanc,

The Canadian Union Of Skilled Workers (CUSW) would like to thank the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission for the opportunity to comment on Bruce Power's application for a 10 year operating license renewal.

The Canadian Union of Skilled Workers (CUSW) was formed in 1999 with a vision of forming a truly democratic union in which all members play an active role. Today the CUSW has evolved into a modern union that is leading the way in an era of social and economic change, while ensuring the ability to respond to the ever changing work modus across Canada. In Ontario, the CUSW has approximately 2500 members creating a very large footprint in the power generation, transmission and distribution industry. Of those approximate 2500 members, roughly 10% are employed on the Bruce Power site. CUSW is a blended skills union which strongly believes that "partnering" with employers is the best approach to improve opportunities for those companies and their employees. CUSW supplies skilled tradespersons and apprentices to owners such as OPG, Bruce Power, Hydro One, Mississauga Power Trust along with employers such as FRAMATOME, EMC Power Canada, Bremar Construction, Valard Construction, Transelec Common, Surespan Power, Langley Utilities and includes a host of many other mid sized employers. The CUSW strongly supports Bruce Power's application for a 10 year operating license renewal as it not only impacts our members and their families, but also has a significant economical impact on the communities neighbouring the Bruce Power site. As with many of the applications Bruce Power puts forward, their desire for public input and consultation is always at the forefront of any discussion with transparency and clarity leading the way. This community engagement process has proven extremely beneficial in gauging the high level of confidence that individuals and families of the surrounding communities have in any initiatives Bruce Power undertakes. CUSW believes that Bruce Power makes all attempts to foster strong support from the region around the site, including Indigenous communities, through a range of programs in place related to Corporate Social Responsibility, Economic Development and Community Outreach/Communications. Specifically as it relates to the strong relationship CUSW has with Bruce Power, both parties have collaborated on the CUSW/Multi-Employer Apprenticeship Governance Council and associated training committees

to recruit and retain from our surrounding communities. This collaboration has resulted in innovative approaches to the development of a diverse Nuclear Industry skilled workforce. CUSW is also a proud partner of the Aboriginal Apprenticeship Board of Ontario, and has commitment and dedication to increasing the number of Indigenous people working in the skilled trades in Ontario.

CUSW members always work with safety at the forefront, and that is why we would like to commend the CNSC on the robustness of the License Renewal Application process and its clear policies surrounding the importance of public safety, safe operation and stringent ongoing compliance. These factors established by the CNSC also contribute to the high level of public confidence surrounding the Bruce Power site.

Over 250 CUSW members and their families rely on the employment opportunities that Bruce Power provides. The surrounding communities to the Bruce Power site also rely heavily on Bruce Power's significant financial support and volunteer manpower that it continuously provides to many organizations and community events. Without such a strong community partner, many of these organizations or initiatives would not be possible. The Life Extension of 6 reactor units at the Bruce site is key to future prosperity of CUSW members and families along with the approximate 22,000 direct and indirect jobs that will be supported by Bruce Power's operations through 2064. The positive impacts of the Life Extension Program are already being felt in many communities surrounding the Bruce Power site and continues to build as more contractors, suppliers and staff plant their roots locally and offer many local employment opportunities that would not have been available had Bruce Power not encouraged such companies to have a local presence. The benefits of the Life Extension Program extend well beyond the immediate area surrounding Bruce Power. The refurbishment of 6 reactor units gives the province of Ontario not only the obvious positive economical impacts, but allows Bruce Power to continue to provide 30% of clean, low cost, stable electricity to Ontario's households and businesses at 30% less than the average cost to generate residential power.

CUSW and its members stand in full support of Bruce Powers 10 year license renewal application as a key requirement to fulfilling Ontario's long term energy supply mix requirements as outlined in Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan.

Sincerely,



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