



**Written submission from  
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**Mémoire de  
Steven Myers, Ministre de  
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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**

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

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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  
Partie 2**

**May 11 and 12, 2022**

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Attention: Senior Tribunal Officer

Subject: Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station – Application for Renewal of the Power Reactor Operating License

I am writing to state my support for the renewal of the 25 -year operating license for New Brunswick Power's Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station. Please accept this letter as a written intervention in the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's hearing to be held May 11 and 12, 2022.

As the Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Action for the province of Prince Edward Island, I understand the importance of having stable, reliable, cost-effective energy available for Atlantic Canada, to support our economic growth and prosperity. I am also keenly aware that energy supply cannot come at a negative cost to our environment.

The Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station has generated safe, reliable, baseload energy for Atlantic Canada for almost four decades. The province of Prince Edward Island relies on the energy produced in New Brunswick to provide a sustainable energy supply for our residents and businesses, which is buoyed in part by the low-carbon electricity generated at Point Lepreau.

Every year in Canada, nuclear technology helps avoid 80 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions by displacing fossil fuels. Nuclear is an excellent contributor to a clean energy system and can provide a foundation for other low-carbon forms of electricity like solar and wind. Point Lepreau generates low-carbon energy producing almost no emissions that contribute to greenhouse gases. The station continues to be a critical part of Atlantic Canada's energy landscape as well as Canada's efforts to combat the effects of climate change.

I had the opportunity to tour the station recently and was impressed with my experience. I met employees of Point Lepreau who are committed to operating their facility to the highest levels of safety and operational performance. It was clear their priority is ensuring the safety of their personnel and the public, while taking great care to proactively protect the lands, air and water resources around the station.

It was also comforting to learn more about the rigorous regulatory framework in place within the Canadian nuclear industry and the efforts of the CNSC to protect the safety of all Canadians while ensuring environmental protection.

It is a priority for the mandate of my government this term to protect and sustain our environment and take proactive action to address climate change. The renewal of the operating licence for the Point Lepreau station is a positive contribution towards supporting our mandate as well as achieving Canada's goals for a net zero carbon future. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments in this process.

Hon Steven Myers  
Minister Environment, Energy and Climate Action  
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