



Oral presentation

Exposé oral

**Written submission from
Sunny Corner Enterprises Inc.**

**Mémoire de
Sunny Corner Enterprises Inc.**

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**

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

Demande de renouvellement du permis
d'Énergie NB pour la centrale nucléaire de
Point Lepreau

**Commission Public Hearing
Part 2**

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Partie 2**

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Senior Tribunal Officer:

Subject: Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station – Application for Renewal of the 25-year Power Reactor Operating Licence

My name is Gordie Lavoie, I am President of Sunny Corner Enterprises Inc. and I would like to intervene in writing and with an oral presentation at the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission hearing on May 11-12, 2022, as it pertains to New Brunswick Power Point Lepreau Nuclear Generation Station Power Reactor Operating Licence Renewal. The highlights from this letter will be included in my oral presentation.

Sunny Corner Enterprises Inc. has evolved over more than 55 years from its humble roots as a small residential plumbing and heating contractor in its namesake community of Sunny Corner. Today, we provide full MPEI (Mechanical, Piping, Electrical and Instrumentation) contracting services to industrial clients and have manufacturing and custom fabrication facilities producing products for a global market. As well as two industrial supply locations in Atlantic Canada, we have performed work across Canada and have worked with some of the largest and most respected companies around the globe. This has afforded us the opportunity to experience best practices and implement them into our operations.

In 2005 we received our N285 certification and since 2007, have had the pleasure of working as a contractor with the employees of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station on an ongoing basis. Our experience working with the station began prior to and then continued throughout the refurbishment of the station. Since then, we have continued to provide services to the plant including supporting various maintenance projects.

I would like to speak to the culture and the safe work environment that we experience when working at the plant, as well as the utmost confidence we have in the continued safety operation of the station.

Our ongoing first-hand involvement in the plant operations over the past 15 years has made us familiar with the rigour that New Brunswick Power places on process, procedure, and safety. This experience has allowed us as a company, as well as our staff members, to learn and develop new skills and techniques. This learning and experience have also allowed many New Brunswickers and Atlantic Canadians to be a resource to other nuclear facilities in Canada and abroad, as well as to compete on a global stage.

The station has received international recognition for its performance in safety and operations and the employees consistently achieve safety milestones for hours worked without a lost-time accident. This is a true testament of the safety culture within the station. Given so many of the employees live in nearby communities, that culture and commitment to safety extends beyond the station and permeates into the community, networks and areas of influence to make health and safety a priority for all.

Sunny Corner has benefitted from this strong safety culture through shared learning and program development with station staff. This has contributed to our own organization's safety achievements, as we have exceeded on several occasions 1,000,000 man-hours without a lost time accident. This is significant given our work involves some high-risk operations and work evolutions.

New Brunswick Power has also been recognized as a champion of mentorship in the construction trades. As an employer that relies heavily on the skills of the construction trades, we commend them for this. Their commitment to support and expand the skilled trades is exemplary given the challenge we are facing across Canada of a shortage of qualified skilled trades people.

We enjoy a positive working relationship with the station staff, and they provide a safe work environment for all employees, including contractors. This is extremely important to us. As a business partner, New Brunswick Power has an accountability process that is very transparent and effective in reviewing our performance as a supplier and encourages continuous improvement to our processes and performance. We look forward to continuing our co-operative relationship for years to come.

We have full confidence in the safe operation of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station, and we commend New Brunswick Power's strong commitment to maintaining a safe work environment.

It is with our highest respect that we request the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission grant the renewal of the Point Lepreau power reactor operating licence.

Respectfully,



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