



Notice of Hearing in Writing

April 20, 2020

Ref. 2020-H-103

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a hearing based on written submissions in April 2020 to consider an application from New Brunswick Power (NB Power), in respect of an exemption from a licensing requirement for the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station (PLNGS). The PLNGS is located on the Lepreau Peninsula, 40 kilometres southwest of Saint John, New Brunswick.

NB Power has requested a one-time exemption for a specific candidate in respect of section 30.0 of RD-204, *Certification of Persons Working at Nuclear Power Plants*, to allow for an extension to the certification examination validity period. In September 2019, the Commission approved REGDOC-2.2.3, *Personnel Certification, Volume III: Certification of Persons Working at Nuclear Power Plants*, which allows for a three-year extension to the examination validity period and replaces RD-204, which had only allowed for a one-year extension.

The Commission also recently amended the PLNGS operating licence to reference REGDOC-2.2.3, Volume III instead of RD-204. However, this exemption is required because REGDOC-2.2.3, Volume III was not yet part of the PLNGS licensing basis when the one-year extension to the examination validity period for the candidate expired.

Pursuant to Rule 3 of the *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure* (the Rules), the Commission has decided to vary the Rules to ensure that this hearing is dealt with as informally and expeditiously as the circumstances and the considerations of fairness permit. The Commission will consider written submissions from the licensee and CNSC staff. A panel of the Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on the application.

The hearing submissions from NB Power and CNSC staff will be available on the CNSC website, or on request to the Secretariat, after **April 21, 2020**.

Following the deliberations and Commission decision on this matter, a record of decision will be published on the CNSC website at nuclearsafety.gc.ca and made available on request.

For further information on the public Commission hearing process, or on the licensee or the facility being considered in this matter, or to request documents, contact:

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