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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Announces Five-Year Operating Licence Renewal for Point Lepreau Generating Station

Fredericton – The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced on Friday, June 30th, 2006 that the Point Lepreau Generating Station's Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence has been renewed for a five-year period. The licence is valid until June 30th, 2011.

“We are very pleased to receive this positive decision from the CNSC. We have received an overwhelming amount of support for this project, which reinforces the importance of the Point Lepreau Generating Station in providing safe and reliable energy to New Brunswickers,” said Gaëtan Thomas, Vice President of NB Power Nuclear.

The application consisted of a two-day public hearing, held on February 16th, 2006 and May 18th, 2006. During this time, both written submissions and oral presentations were presented from NB Power Nuclear staff, CNSC staff and intervenors.

“The Commission concluded that NB Power Nuclear is qualified to operate the facility and that it will make adequate provision for the protection of the environment, the health and safety of persons, and the maintenance of national security and measures required to implement international obligations to which Canada has agreed,” announced the CNSC in a press release.

As part of this decision, NB Power Nuclear will seek the approval of the CNSC before reloading fuel in the reactor and proceeding with the restart following the planned refurbishment outage.

For further information on the decision or to view transcripts of the hearing, please visit the CNSC website at www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca. The Record of Proceedings will be published within the next two weeks.

Point Lepreau Generating Station supplies up to 30 percent of New Brunswick's electricity.

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