

CNSC Participant Funding Program Decision

Bruce Power's Applications to Renew the Power Reactor Operating Licences for Bruce Nuclear Generating Stations A and B



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CNSC Decision on the Allocation of Participant Funding for Bruce Power's Applications to Renew the Power Reactor Operating Licences for Bruce Nuclear Generating Stations A and B

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced on December 19, 2013, that it was offering up to \$75,000 under its Participant Funding Program (PFP) to help members of the public, Aboriginal groups, and other interested stakeholders participate in Bruce Power's application for a five-year renewal of the power reactor operating licence (PROL) for Bruce Nuclear Generating Stations (NGS) A and B. This funding must be used to review and provide comments on the licensing application and related materials, as well as to prepare for and participate in the Commission's public hearing process. The deadline for submitting participant funding applications to the CNSC was January 31, 2014.

On May 2, 2014, following a request from Bruce Power, the CNSC announced that it had extended the PROL for Bruce NGS A and B for seven months to ensure that all relevant documentation was available in time to facilitate a more meaningful public participation in the upcoming public hearing process (originally scheduled for September 2014). As a result, the public hearings are now scheduled for February 5, 2015 (Part 1) and April 14–16, 2015 (Part 2). All PFP recipients were notified of the change in hearing dates. Due to the unique situation that the postponement of the Bruce licence renewal hearings presented, upon receiving two requests for funding, the CNSC allowed for additional applications to be submitted and reviewed by the Funding Review Committee (FRC).

Background

Participant funding was made available by the CNSC to assist interested parties in:

- providing new, distinctive and valuable information to the CNSC through informed and topic-specific interventions, and
- preparing for and participating in the Commission's public hearing process for the matter at hand.

The FRC, independent from the CNSC, was established to review the funding applications received by the CNSC's PFP administrator and to make recommendations on the allocation of up to \$75,000 to eligible applicants.

The FRC members were: Mr. Guy Riverin, environmental assessment expert and retired federal public servant; Ms. Heather Jarrett, environmental assessment expert and retired federal public servant; and Mr. Bruce Young, retired Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Director.

The FRC reviewed the ten PFP applications that were received by the CNSC and which requested a total of \$173,916.95.

Eligibility and funding criteria

For more information on participant funding and how it works – including details on eligibility and funding criteria – please read the <u>PFP Guide</u>.

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The CNSC has carefully considered the recommendations of the independent FRC for the allocation of participant funding in the matter of Bruce Power's applications to renew the operating licences for NGS A and B.

With regard to the funding applicants in the matter at hand, the CNSC approved the reimbursement of up to \$57,520 in participant funding to the recipients listed below.

| Applicant | Maximum amount of available funding |
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| Métis Nation of Ontario | \$15,750.00 |
| Eugene Bourgeois | \$10,825.00 |
| The Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) | \$2,700.00 |
| Jutta Splettstoesser | \$8,550.00 |
| Dr. John Luxat | \$400.00 |
| Society of Professional Engineers and Associates | \$4,700.00 |
| Canadian Nuclear Society | \$2,000.00 |
| Historic Saugeen Métis (HSM) | \$4,425.00 |
| Dr. Brant Ulsh | \$4,500.00 |
| NSERC Lake Whitefish Research Program (McMaster University and University of Regina) | \$3,670.00 |
| TOTAL | \$57,520.00 |

To receive the funds, the recipients must sign contribution agreements, each specifying the maximum amount of funding approved for their proposal, as well as the deliverables required for the Commission public hearing.

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