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Sent by Email

Dear Ogimaa Ritchie and Ogimaa Nadjiwon,

Subject: RE Bruce Power's Determination to Restart the IAAC Process Clock

We are writing to you in response to your letter dated June 18, 2025. While we have had a number of conversations with representatives from Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) since receipt of the letter, we wanted to formally acknowledge the letter and thank you for submitting it to us.

Firstly, we would like to recognize your concerns regarding the resumption of the planning phase for the integrated impact assessment of the proposed Bruce C Nuclear Project. The control over the timeline and resumption rests with the proponent rather than with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) or the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), but we continue to strongly encourage proponents to seek consensus with Indigenous Nations and communities regarding integrated impact assessment timelines. We support continued discussions between SON and Bruce Power and for solutions to emerge which address your concerns.

We had also hoped to be further along in our discussions with SON on the integrated impact assessment for Bruce C, as well as in our respective agreements with SON. It was our understanding that the fish impingement event at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station earlier this year was and still is a top priority for SON and has required much of SON's attention and resources.

Since receiving your letter, we have scheduled several training sessions with the SON Environment Office to support new staff in learning about the integrated impact assessment process. Topics include the integrated Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, assessment of impacts on rights, and identification of valued components. We have also discussed how IAAC and CNSC can incorporate SON's comments during and after the



public comment period to ensure SON's concerns are captured and addressed in the integrated assessment process. We are committed to adopting the most flexible approach to support SON's input into this stage of the integrated impact assessment process. However, given the legislated timelines under the *Impact Assessment Act*, we kindly request any comments on the draft integrated Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines by July 22, 2025, to ensure they are incorporated into the final version.

IAAC has also worked with SON to arrange a meeting between IAAC's Vice President of Indigenous Relations and SON's representatives to discuss the SON-IAAC principles and objectives agreement on June 24, 2025. While issues remain outstanding, IAAC remains committed to continuing discussions and negotiations on an agreement with SON. Likewise, CNSC staff continue to work with SON to complete the drafting of an updated SON-CNSC relationship agreement and has proposed a Leadership-level meeting with SON on July 25, 2025.

Once again, we sincerely thank you for your letter, raising your concerns, and providing additional context to help us better understand your experience and position.

We look forward to continuing to meet with you, learn from you, and work with you.

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