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Dear Senior Tribunal Officer,

On behalf of the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI), I would like to express my support for the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) application to renew its operating licence for the Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) site with a proposed expiry date of April 1, 2028.

The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) is the leading and trusted voice of the Canadian nuclear supply chain actively promoting the production of safe, clean, and reliable nuclear electricity. OCNI is an association of more than 220 leading Canadian suppliers to the nuclear industry in Canada and abroad. OCNI member companies collectively employ more than 15,000 highly skilled and specialized people who manufacture major equipment and components and provide engineering services and support to the 19 operating CANDU nuclear power plants in Canada as well as to CANDU and LWR plants in offshore markets. OCNI companies also work on medical and other safe applications of nuclear technology.

CNL has developed and maintained the Canadian nuclear technology platform that has underpinned the Canadian nuclear industry for more than 60 years. As a direct result of the Canadian government investment in the Chalk River Laboratories, nuclear power provides over 60% of Ontario's electrical energy and contributes over \$6.6 B/year to the Canadian economy with export sales over \$1.2 B/year.

CNL has a strong track record of safe operations of the CRL site with an emphasis on continuous improvement. I am confident that safety continues to be the top priority for this licensee. CRL also plays an important role in supporting an extensive Canadian nuclear supply chain as both a customer and a partner. More importantly CRL enhances the capabilities throughout the Canadian supply chain through its world class science and technology work – underpinning safe operations of nuclear facilities both nationally and internationally. OCNI companies have successfully commercialized many innovative products and services that were initially conceived and tested at the Chalk River Laboratories.

OCNI has enjoyed a long working relationship with CNL. Over the last two and a half years OCNI has witnessed the positive industry impact of CNL's transformation since share transfer. In September of 2017, OCNI presented a Special Achievement Award to the President and CEO of CNL "*in recognition of the company's strong progress in the revitalization of the Chalk River Laboratories nuclear site.*"

OCNI strongly supports the renewal of CNL's operating licence for the Chalk River Laboratories site. Renewal of the operating license will enable CNL to continue its site revitalization plans and expand its leadership role as Canada's center for science and nuclear innovation.

OCNI would like to intervene through both a written submission and an oral presentation at the Public Hearing on January 24 and 25, 2018 in Pembroke Ontario.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Ron Oberth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and "R".

Dr. Ron Oberth
President and CEO