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Power Workers' Union applauds Bruce Power's long-term investment announcement, restart of Bruce A Units 1 & 2

(Toronto) – Ontario's largest electricity workers' union has indicated its full support for today's announcement by Bruce Power of the launch of a \$4.25 billion investment program to secure the long-term future of its nuclear-powered electricity generating plant in Bruce County.

"The need to maximize Ontario's nuclear assets is a key point in the better energy plan that the Power Workers' Union (PWU) is currently proposing to the people of Ontario," remarked Mr. Don MacKinnon, President of the PWU at the news conference held at the Bruce Power Visitors' Centre near the town of Tiverton, Ontario. "Today's declaration of the \$4.25 billion investment to fully restart and rehabilitate the four Bruce A units is the immediate action required to effectively fulfill that need in a timely fashion. Bruce Power's commitment will go a long way towards ensuring the future of electricity from nuclear power in Ontario -- electricity that will be smog free, greenhouse-gas free and affordable.

"The Ontario economy depends on competitively priced electricity," continued Mr. MacKinnon. "Affordable, abundant electricity – such as that produced by Bruce Power's nuclear installations – is a key factor in this province's economic growth. This restart project will generate more than 6,000 person-years of new work for the next four years and extending the life of Bruce A will mean an additional 44,000 person-years of employment for Bruce Power employees."

The Power Workers' Union believes that Ontarians require an energy supply that derives electricity from a number of sources, including clean coal, hydroelectric and nuclear, along with other economical renewable options. The PWU's better plan – (www.abetterplan.ca) – also includes a review of the province's natural gas strategy, investment in green power and the promotion of energy efficiency. This approach will guarantee the people of Ontario, and the businesses that operate here, an affordable, clean and secure supply of energy all year round.

The Power Workers' Union is the largest electricity union in Ontario, representing employees in electricity generation, transmission, distribution, regulations, and research and development. PWU continues to hold a four percent share in the Bruce Power partnership structure.

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