



## Énergie NB Power

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### **Point Lepreau Generating Station Refurbishment Project Update**

#### **More than three-quarters of fuel channel installations complete**

The Refurbishment Project team continues to progress on the fuel channel installation sequence and has successfully completed approximately 79 per cent of the 380 installations. The project team is working diligently to complete this sequence in advance of the December 2011 target.

The NB Power and AECL team continues to work around the clock to complete all project activities safely and with the quality expected by New Brunswickers in order to complete the retubing work by May 2012.

“We are excited to be nearing the end of the fuel channel installation sequence,” said Rod Eagles, NB Power Refurbishment Project Director. “Our team continues to focus on safely and efficiently executing this work. AECL continues to make excellent progress and is committed to delivering quality work for New Brunswickers.”

In parallel with the remaining refurbishment activities, NB Power continues to prepare the Station for restart. After the completion of the fuel channel installations, NB Power will refill the moderator system with heavy water as part of the process of putting it back into its normal operating state prior to loading fuel inside the reactor.

NB Power is seeking a five-year licence renewal from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC). NB Power has also requested authorization to load fuel into the reactor.

The first day of the hearings was held on October 6, 2011, in Ottawa, Ontario. During this part of the hearing, the CNSC Tribunal heard from NB Power and CNSC staff. The second part of the public hearings is scheduled for December 1-2, 2011 in Saint John, New Brunswick. During this part of the hearing, registered public intervenors will have an opportunity to make their views known to the CNSC Tribunal and respond to any related questions from Commission Members. NB Power and the CNSC staff will also attend these hearings and will be prepared to respond to further questioning by the CNSC Tribunal.

Project updates will continue to be issued on a monthly basis and will include progress on project milestones. The major milestones include:

- Fuel channel installation completion (December 2011)
- Lower feeder installation completion (May 2012)
- Return to service and generating electricity (fall 2012)

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