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NB Power Begins the Point Lepreau Generating Station Refurbishment Outage

Fredericton, NB - On Friday, March 28th, 2008, NB Power marked a major milestone in the Point Lepreau Generating Station (PLGS) Refurbishment Project: the start of the refurbishment outage.

“We are now five days into the refurbishment outage and our employees, along with our business partners, are working safely and efficiently,” said Gaëtan Thomas, Vice President of NB Power Nuclear. “The process of shutting down the reactor went very well. There was a lot of pride amongst our employees as many of them were there and worked at the station when it was first built. They now have the opportunity to prepare the station for an additional 25 years of safe and reliable operation.”

The refurbishment outage will continue over the next 18 months and is scheduled to be completed in September 2009. The main activities will include the replacement of all 380 fuel channels, calandria tubes and feeder pipes as well as other station maintenance work.

Energy Minister Jack Keir stated that he “has the utmost confidence that AECL and NB Power will achieve this important world first milestone on time and on budget”. “Point Lepreau Generating Station is the first of the world’s fleet of CANDU 6 reactors to undergo a refurbishment of this nature. This is an impressive first for our province, and is key to growing this province’s energy hub, and key to achieving self sufficiency,” added Keir.

Since the decision was announced on July 29, 2005, to refurbish the Point Lepreau Generating Station, NB Power Nuclear staff has undergone detailed planning and construction activities in preparation for the refurbishment outage, with Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) as the main contractor and the original designer of the station.

The Point Lepreau Generating Station provides up to 30 per cent of New Brunswick’s electricity and is one of the lowest cost generators on NB Power’s electrical system.

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