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### **Point Lepreau Generating Station comes back online**

**Fredericton, N.B.** – On April 29, 2013, the Point Lepreau Generating Station once again began sending clean, low-cost energy to the provincial electricity grid. The reactor is currently at 35% power and fuelling will resume in the coming week.

“The issues that we have been managing in our first five months of operation are normal issues one can expect in restarting a plant that has recently been refurbished,” said Gaëtan Thomas, President and CEO. “What we want New Brunswickers to understand is that their investment in this facility is safe and sound, there will be no rate impacts now or in the future due to any issues we’ve experienced to date and we fully expect to produce clean, low-cost energy here at this location for the next 25 to 30 years. We have a world class facility, run by trained and dedicated New Brunswickers and we will prove our value to your homes and businesses over the decades to come.”

“Our customers can be assured that this recent period of low production at the Station does not diminish in any way the total lifetime output expected from the plant,” said Thomas. “Plus, we continue to benefit financially from positive hydro flows and low market prices for electricity at this time of year.”

“I am proud of the employees for their dedication to completing the highly technical and innovative tasks required to bring the Station back online,” said Sean Granville, Site Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer. “By properly investing in the maintenance of our equipment, we set the table for continued safe, reliable performance so the people of New Brunswick have access to low-cost electricity at all times.”

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission staff continue to monitor Station operations. The safe, reliable operation of the Station is NB Power's top priority.

Point Lepreau Generating Station is the foundation of our provincial power supply and the source of electricity for more than one-third of New Brunswick’s in-province energy requirements, on average.

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