

December 17, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

On behalf of our members representing the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of New Brunswick (ACEC-NB) we wish to convey our support of the Advanced Small Modular Reactor (ASMR) initiative in New Brunswick. Over the past 12 months the Board of ACEC-NB has met with NB Power, ARC Nuclear and Moltex for the purpose of learning more about the strategic direction of NB Power and the two proponents selected to advance these technologies in New Brunswick. ACEC-NB recognizes the opportunity to our province and we support further due diligence and project development of ASMR's in New Brunswick.

We believe ASMRs could be a part of the solution towards our provinces' transition to a low-carbon economy and we encourage the government to accelerate the adaptation of New Brunswick's Climate Change Action plan that was put in place in 2017. We recognize that other renewable energy like wind and solar can be integrated into an ASMR generation model and recommend that the province continue to pursue these options as well.

Our member firms play arguably the most important role in the responsible development of New Brunswick. We do not take lightly the trust instilled upon on us by the communities in which we live.

We thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

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