



**Written submission from the
Whitby Chamber of Commerce**

**Mémoire de la
Chambre de commerce de Whitby**

In the Matter of

À l'égard de

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station**

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
centrale nucléaire de Pickering**

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear
Power Reactor Operating Licence for the
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

Demande de renouvellement, pour une période
de dix ans, de son permis d'exploitation d'un
réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale
nucléaire de Pickering

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

**Audience publique de la Commission –
Partie 2**

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Re: OPG Pickering Nuclear Generating Station operating licence renewal

To Who It May Concern:

On behalf of our members and Board of Directors, I am writing today to express wholehearted support from the Whitby Chamber of Commerce for OPG's licence renewal application to 2028 for its Pickering Nuclear Generating Station.

In all our dealings with OPG directly and indirectly, we have found it to be a safe, productive and engaged operator, with a strong connection to its community through both its actions and ongoing communications of all decisions. We are particularly impressed with OPG's commitment to safety in all it does, which we believe is best reflected in the Pickering station receiving the CNSC's highest safety performance rating in 2015 and 2016 and its employee injury rate that is among the best in the world for its industry. In addition, we know full well the benefits of nuclear power as a source of clean energy and its significant contributions to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Finally, we believe this extension is particularly critical given the extensive refurbishment projects under way for the Darlington and Bruce generating stations. While this important work is under way, there will be increased demands on the overall energy production plans in Ontario at a time when our province relies on nuclear for almost half of its production. An extension of the Pickering licence during this time will provide needed assurances for the province in planning out its energy needs for the coming ten years.

The Whitby Chamber of Commerce is proud of the track record it has in empowering, connecting and advocating for businesses across the Region of Durham. We have a very good understanding of the role OPG plays in our community and the importance of a strong, reliable energy grid to businesses and residences across Ontario. As such, we believe we are well-positioned to encourage the commission to approve this renewal through to 2028.

Sincerely,

Kyle Paterson
 President, Whitby Chamber of Commerce