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Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade**

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Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Darlington New Nuclear Project

**Projet de nouvelle centrale nucléaire de
Darlington**

Application to renew the nuclear power
reactor site preparation licence for the
Darlington New Nuclear Project

Demande de renouvellement du permis de
préparation de l'emplacement d'une centrale
nucléaire pour le projet de nouvelle centrale
nucléaire de Darlington

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

June 10, 2021

10 juin 2021

May 3, 2021

Mr. Marc Leblanc
Commission Secretary
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
P.O. Box 1046
280 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5S9

Dear Mr. Leblanc,

RE: Darlington New Nuclear Project

On behalf of the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade (APBOT), I am writing to express our support of Ontario Power Generation (OPG)'s application to renew the Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) Power Reactor Site Preparation Licence. The APBOT represents nearly 600 member businesses and organizations.

OPG is one of Durham Region's largest employers and a creator of skilled job opportunities. They are not just strong economic drivers, but active members of the community with a strong track record of safety, environmental stewardship, and social consciousness.

The APBOT is proud to have shared a long-standing supportive and collaborative relationship with OPG. Through sponsorship, they help make the programs and services we offer our local business community possible. OPG has also opened the doors to their Pickering and Darlington facilities on numerous occasions for the board of trade to host important educational events and meetings. We are one of the many community organizations and grass roots initiatives benefitting from this type of OPG support.

OPG has maintained an impeccable safety record, in line with the industry best around the world. In addition, the nuclear power generated locally reduces greenhouse gas emissions and provides a source of reliable clean energy to homes and businesses across the province.

Through the construction and operation of a new nuclear generation station at the DNNP, OPG would meet Ontario's ongoing and increasing need for energy. Locally and within Canada's nuclear industry and supply chain, the DNNP would also promote high-quality jobs in the skilled trades, science and technology, and engineering sectors.

As the voice of business in Ajax and Pickering, the APBOT supports OPG's request to renew the DNNP Reactor Site Preparation Licence. This additional generation would provide Ontarians with a reliable source of energy, help reduce greenhouse gases, and support and elevate the Canadian nuclear industry and its supply chains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Gibson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Gibson
Executive Director
Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade