



**Written submission from the  
Greater Oshawa Chamber of  
Commerce**

**Mémoire de la  
Greater Oshawa Chamber of  
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In the Matter of the

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**Ontario Power Generation Inc.**

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Application to extend the operation of  
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station  
Units 5 to 8 until December 31, 2026

Demande visant à prolonger l'exploitation  
des tranches 5 à 8 de la centrale nucléaire de  
Pickering jusqu'au 31 décembre 2026

**Commission Public Hearing**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

**June 2024**

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February, 27, 2024

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Secretariat  
280 Slater Street, P. O. Box 1046,  
Station B Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

Re: Ontario Power Generation Pickering Nuclear Generating Station operating license renewal

Dear Members of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission: On behalf of our members and Board of Directors,

I am writing today to express wholehearted support from the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce for Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) license amendment for continued operations of Pickering Nuclear Units 5-8 to the end of 2026. The Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce represents and is the voice of business for over 700 Members.

Ontario Power Generation is one of largest employers in Durham Region with highly educated and skilled job opportunities now and in the future. They are a strong economic driver in Durham Region through their operations, projects, and leadership in community building organizations.

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, and in its employee injury rate that is among the best in the world for its industry, and with the overall performance of the station. In 2023, Pickering nuclear recorded its second-highest output in the history of the six-unit station. In 2022, all six operating units ran simultaneously to supply energy for 109 consecutive days, a station record. In 2020, Pickering's Unit 4 experienced a record consecutive run of 730 days. Both feats are a testament to the station's continued reliability.

Finally, we believe the Pickering station plays an important role in providing clean, safe, and reliable electricity for Ontario and Durham Region. The additional months of operations from Pickering Units 5-8 through to the 2026, 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 and Pickering's operations are essential to meeting those demands and providing baseload power for the province during that time.

The Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce is proud of the track record it has in empowering, connecting, and advocating for businesses across the Region of Durham and building community prosperity for the Greater Oshawa area. OPG plays a significant role in our community and the importance of a strong, reliable energy grid to businesses and residences across Ontario. We strongly support the license amendment to Operate Pickering Nuclear Units 5-8 through to the 2026.

For the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce,

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