



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

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

In the Matter of the

À l'égard d'

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

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April 15, 2024

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Secretariat
280 Slater Street, P.O. Box 1046, Station B
Ottawa, ON
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RE: OPG Pickering Nuclear Generating Station operating license renewal

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of our members and Board of Directors, I am writing today to express our full support from the Whitby Chamber of Commerce for OPG's license application to extend operations of units 5-8 until 2026 for its Pickering Nuclear Generation Station.

OPG is by far one of the safest, productive, and engaged operators. In its 50 years of operation, no member of the public has ever been harmed as a result of radiation emissions from its nuclear power plants or nuclear by-product storage facilities.

Pickering Nuclear is seeing its strongest performance ever, including achieving its highest yearly production output and its best equipment reliability ratings. In 2023, Pickering Nuclear recorded its second-highest output in the history of the six-unit station. This performance is a testament to the dedication of the station and support staff, powering Ontario's grid during a time when energy supply is lower than usual due to the ongoing nuclear refurbishments at Darlington and Bruce Power.

In the last few years, the station has achieved its best performance in its history. In 2022, all six operating units ran simultaneously to supply energy for 109 consecutive days, a station record. And 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.

OPG strives to make a difference and help improve the well-being of the communities in which they operate. At Pickering Nuclear, the Corporate Citizenship Program (CCP) provides (charitable, not-for-profit) support to over 140 grass roots community initiatives on average annually in Pickering, Ajax, and Whitby.



Pickering Nuclear strives to build strong relationships with community stakeholders through partnerships and programs, as well as providing recruitment opportunities for post-secondary students, including those currently under-represented in the industry. Along with building strong community relationships and training the next generation of energy workers, OPG contributes to the viability of the local economy employing 10,000 skilled individuals through their clean energy project and supply chain. OPG also regularly purchases goods and services from a variety of local businesses.

Pickering NGS plays an important role in providing clean, safe, reliable, and low-cost electricity which remains a priority in our communities in the current fiscal climate. Durham Region is one of the fastest growing regions in North America and the need for the continued operations and the power Pickering provides will only continue to grow especially while Darlington and Bruce Power's units are being refurbished. Pickering's operations are essential to providing baseload power for the province during that time.

The Whitby Chamber of Commerce is the Chamber of Choice and has been an anchor of the community for 96 years. We take great pride in connecting entrepreneurs and youth to our thriving business community to encourage sustained and continuous growth and success in the region. We are grateful for the opportunity to support and empower our business community. OPG plays an important role in our community and not only delivers a strong, reliable energy grid to our businesses and residences in Ontario but is also an active community steward and a valued employer in the Region of Durham. We encourage the commission to approve the request and extension as outlined in their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Scuse", is enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Andrew Scuse,
President, Whitby Chamber of Commerce