



**Written submission from the
Abilities Centre**

**Mémoire d'
Abilities Centre**

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

June 2024

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April 11, 2024

Subject: *Support letter for Ontario Power Generation's application for an extension of their license to operate Units 5 to 8 to the end of 2026*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of Abilities Centre in support of an application submitted by Ontario Power Generation for an amendment to the current licence. The amendment would allow them to operate Units 5 to 8 to the end of 2026, an additional two years. As Ontario's other nuclear stations undergo refurbishment, there is a need for additional electricity through to 2026. OPG would then prepare those units for refurbishment which will begin in 2028 (pending regulatory approval).

The current licence includes operations to the end of 2024, followed by safe storage activities to the end of 2028. OPG have reviewed their proposed shutdown plan for Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and concluded that the facility can continue to safely generate electricity through September 2026.

Abilities Centre is a charitable organization with a comprehensive, multi-sectoral approach to accessibility and inclusion. As a community hub, research lab, and inclusion incubator, we develop universally designed employment; recreation; skills development, and training programs; lead research and advocacy on inclusion issues; and develop innovative frameworks for programs that are replicable and scalable to the needs of communities across Canada. These programs address specific accessibility and inclusion gaps for identified stakeholder groups within our mandate of improving quality of life by supporting health and wellness, social inclusion, and economic participation.

While we are not experts by any means in nuclear energy or the safe operation of nuclear facilities, we have been in partnership with OPG for over a decade and have come to view them as trustworthy partners that place the needs of their communities at the forefront of everything that they do. As such, we support their request for an amendment to the current licence.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Ste-Croix", written in a cursive style.

Ross Ste-Croix
Chief Operating Officer
Abilities Centre