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**Written Submission from
Skills Ontario**

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Skills Ontario**

In the matter of the

À l'égard d'

Ontario Power Generation Inc.

Application to renew power reactor
operating licence for the Darlington
Nuclear Generating Station

Ontario Power Generation Inc.

Demande concernant le renouvellement
du permis d'exploitation d'un réacteur de
puissance pour la centrale nucléaire de
Darlington

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Subject: Letter of Support for OPG's Application for Renewal of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Power Reactor Operating Licence

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Skills Ontario, I am writing in strong support of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) application to renew the Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station (DNGS) for the proposed term from December 1, 2025, to November 30, 2055.

As a long-standing partner of OPG, Skills Ontario has witnessed firsthand the organization's unwavering commitment to excellence in safety, environmental stewardship, and workforce development. OPG has consistently demonstrated operational leadership at Darlington—one of the world's top-performing nuclear power stations—while also investing significantly in Ontario's future through the Darlington Refurbishment Project.

The refurbishment of Darlington represents one of Canada's largest clean energy infrastructure investments. With an economic contribution projected at \$89 billion and the creation of 14,200 jobs per year, this initiative is not only crucial for energy security but also a powerful catalyst for skilled trades and technology career pathways across the province.

OPG's collaboration with Skills Ontario is a cornerstone of our shared mission to build Ontario's skilled workforce. Their support has enabled us to inspire and empower thousands of youth to pursue rewarding careers in science, technology, engineering, and skilled trades. Through joint programs, mentorship opportunities, and competitions, OPG helps foster a diverse pipeline of talent that will sustain the energy sector for generations to come.

In this context, the long-term license renewal of Darlington is more than a regulatory step—it is a pivotal enabler of economic prosperity, clean energy generation, and workforce sustainability. The continued safe and reliable operation of Darlington through 2055, backed by robust oversight and periodic safety reviews, will ensure that OPG remains a foundational pillar in Ontario's low-carbon future.

We fully endorse OPG's application and urge the Commission to recognize not only Darlington's technical and safety credentials but also the broader societal and economic value it delivers through exemplary partnerships like ours.

Sincerely,

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