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Written Submission from the Millwright Regional Council

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In the matter of the

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Ontario Power Generation Inc.

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

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

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission 280 Slater Street P.O. Box 1046, Station B Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5S9

Re: Formal Intervention in Support of Ontario Power Generation's Licence Extension and New Nuclear Construction at Darlington

To the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission,

The Millwright Regional Council respectfully submits this formal intervention in support of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) application for a 30-year licence extension for the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station and its proposed new nuclear construction at the Darlington site in Bowmanville, Ontario.

Our Council represents thousands of highly trained union millwrights across Canada. For decades, our members have contributed to the construction, maintenance, and refurbishment of Ontario's nuclear facilities, including Darlington, Bruce, and Pickering. Our partnership with OPG dates back to its predecessor, Ontario Hydro, and continues today with our involvement in the Darlington Refurbishment Project.

We fully support OPG's licence renewal. Darlington is a critical part of Ontario's electricity system, providing safe, low-carbon, baseload power. Extending its operation supports the province's transition to a net-zero economy and ensures long-term energy reliability.

We also support OPG's new nuclear initiatives, such as Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), which present a forward-looking response to climate goals, population growth, and innovation in the energy sector. These projects bring major opportunities for skilled trades employment and economic development.

The Millwright Regional Council is ready to meet increased labour demands through apprenticeship programs, nuclear-specific training, and continuous upskilling. Hundreds of our members already work at Darlington, and we are preparing the next generation of certified millwrights.

These initiatives align with the CNSC's regulatory objectives and the public interest. We respectfully urge the Commission to approve OPG's applications and support the continued advancement of nuclear energy in Ontario.

Sincerely,

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