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

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

In the matter of

À l'égard de

Ontario Power Generation

Application to refurbish Pickering Nuclear
Generating Station and to renew licences
for the Pickering Nuclear Generating
Station and Waste Management Facility

Ontario Power Generation

Demande concernant la réfection de la
centrale nucléaire de Pickering et le
renouvellement de ses permis pour la
centrale et l'installation de gestion des
déchets

**Commission Public Hearing
Part 2**

**Audience publique de la Commission
Partie 2**

October 2026

Octobre 2026

Monday July 27, 2026

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

RE: OPG Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Power Reactor Operating Licence Renewal (2027–2036)

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of our members and Board of Directors, I am writing to express the Whitby Chamber of Commerce's full support for Ontario Power Generation's (OPG's) application to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) to renew the Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) for a 10-year term, from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2036. We also support the consolidation of the Pickering Waste Facility Operating Licence into the renewed PROL, which will streamline regulatory oversight of the site's generation and waste management activities.

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station is one of the largest nuclear stations in the world and has safely and reliably supplied Ontario with power for decades. Its four operating CANDU® reactors account for approximately 10% of Ontario's electricity needs, generating power that is virtually emissions-free. The station's used fuel and intermediate-level materials are managed at the co-located Pickering Waste Management Facility, which has operated without a Lost Time Accident for more than 30 years.

We are pleased to support OPG's plan to refurbish Units 5 to 8, securing more than 2,100 MW of clean, reliable power — enough to serve two million homes and businesses — for an additional 30-plus years. This work is expected to add \$38.2 billion (in 2024 dollars) to Ontario's GDP over the project's lifespan, including \$17 billion during the refurbishment phase, while maintaining and securing thousands of highly skilled jobs for OPG, its contract partners, and the broader Canadian supply chain. We also support the orderly decommissioning of Units 1 to 4 in accordance with the CNSC-approved Detailed Decommissioning Plan.

For decades, the men and women of Pickering Nuclear have operated the station with tremendous dedication and a steadfast commitment to rigorous safety standards, under the ongoing oversight of onsite CNSC staff. OPG is also a valued community partner: its Corporate Citizenship Program supports more than 140 grassroots initiatives annually in Pickering, Ajax, and Whitby, and the station provides recruitment and training opportunities for post-secondary students, including those under-represented in the energy sector.

Durham Region is one of the fastest-growing regions in North America, and demand for the safe, reliable, low-cost baseload power Pickering provides will only continue to grow. Continued operation of Pickering NGS through refurbishment, alongside the responsible decommissioning of its older units, is essential to meeting that demand and to the continued strength of our regional economy.

The Whitby Chamber of Commerce has been an anchor of this community for close to 100 years. We take great pride in connecting entrepreneurs and residents to a thriving business community, and we are grateful for the opportunity to support and empower it. OPG is an active community steward and a valued employer in the Region of Durham, and we encourage the Commission to approve the licence renewal as outlined in OPG's application.

Sincerely,

Karey Anne Large

CEO

Whitby Chamber of Commerce