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Written Submission from the Saugeen Ojibway Nation

In the matter of

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Re: Ontario Power Generation Inc. – Application to Renew the Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and the Waste Management Facility Operating Licence for the Pickering Waste Management Facility – Procedural Direction DIR 26-H7

Dear Members of the Commission,

I write on behalf of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation ("SON") in response to the Commission's Procedural Direction dated October 20, 2026 (DIR 26-H7). In the Procedural Direction, the Commission invited SON to provide submissions on any ongoing engagement and consultation work that has occurred since October 9, 2026.[1]

Since October 9, 2026, SON has continued to engage in conversations with Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ("CNSC") staff to collaborate and provide SON's perspectives in the development of compliance verification criteria for proposed licence condition G.7, including criteria aimed at recognizing SON's rights affirmed by the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* ("UNDRIP") in the context of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Waste Management Facility relicensing. These conversations are ongoing and we remain hopeful they will lead to an acceptable outcome.

SON supports all steps to implement UNDRIP, including the implementation of Article 29(2), which provides that "States shall take effective measures to ensure that no storage or disposal of hazardous materials shall take place in the lands or territories of indigenous peoples without their free, prior and informed consent."[2] SON urges CNSC staff and the Commission to recognize that the implementation of UNDRIP is an urgent priority. The stakes could not be higher for SON: UNDRIP states the rights it recognizes "constitute the minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the indigenous peoples of the world."[3]

SON has never consented to the storage of nuclear waste in, or importation its importation into, SON Territory, and continues to oppose, in the strongest terms, its continued and open-ended accumulation in SON Territory without SON's free, prior and informed consent. SON supports all

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[1] Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Procedural Direction DIR 26-H7, In the Matter of Ontario Power Generation Inc. (October 20, 2026) at para 9.

[2] *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, GA Res. 61/295, UNGAOR, 61st Sess., Supp. No. 49, UN Doc. A/RES/61/295 (2007), art. 29(2).

[3] *Ibid*, art. 43.

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actions by CNSC staff and the Commission to implement UNDRIP, and SON's right to free, prior and informed consent. SON intends to continue to work with CNSC staff to develop compliance verification criteria for proposed licence condition G.7 that recognize and are protective of SON's rights affirmed by UNDRIP.

SON appreciates the Commission's continued oversight of the engagement and consultation process in this proceeding and welcomes the opportunity to update the Commission.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation