



**Written submission from
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**Mémoire de
Joe Dickson, député provincial,
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In the Matter of

À l'égard de

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station**

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
centrale nucléaire de Pickering**

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear
Power Reactor Operating Licence for the
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

Demande de renouvellement, pour une période
de dix ans, de son permis d'exploitation d'un
réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale
nucléaire de Pickering

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Secretariat
Louise Levert
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Dear Ms. Levert:

Thank you for the opportunity to intervene in the licensing process considering a ten-year licencing renewal term covering the period between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2028.

The current plan is to operate the Pickering station until the end of 2024. The licence term between 2024 and 2028 will allow for safe storage activities such as the removal of fuel and water from the reactors.

I understand that is the term that Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has requested and that Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) staff's recommendations supports that term.

I have served the Ajax and Pickering communities in elected office for more than 30 years, first as a councillor and deputy mayor and now as a member of Provincial Parliament. During that time I have worked to ensure a good understanding of how the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station works, I have visited the site, and OPG staff have kept me aware of station activities and issues.

Continued operations will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Ontario by an estimated 17 million tonnes. That's the equivalent of removing 34 million cars per year from Ontario's roads. And, at 50 dollars a tonne for CO2 that is \$850 million in avoided carbon costs.

Operating Pickering to 2024 will result in 4,500 direct and indirect jobs across Durham Region. Ontarians will save up to \$600 million, the savings over using other forms of generation.

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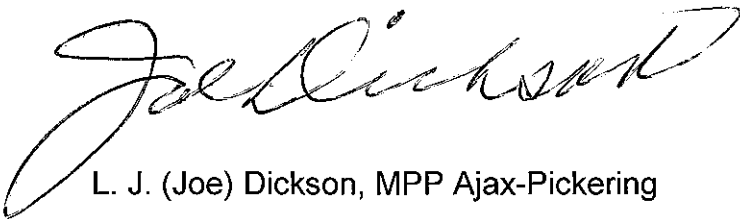
Continued operations of Pickering will provide much-needed electricity while Darlington and Bruce power's units are being refurbished. Between 2022 and 2024, five units will

be offline for refurbishment. Pickering's operations are essential to providing baseload power for the Province during that time.

Pickering completed a Periodic Safety Review in accordance with Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regulations and international standards. It looked at plant operation today in comparison to modern codes and standards to identify opportunities to further enhance plant safety. It concluded that Pickering is safe today, and with the proposed enhancement, it will be made even safer.

For all the reasons listed above I am supportive of a 10-year licence renewal for Pickering Nuclear.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Dickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

L. J. (Joe) Dickson, MPP Ajax-Pickering