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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

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The following is a submission from the Safe Communities of Pickering and Ajax supporting Ontario Power Generations application to CSNC for the renewal of their operating license for the Pickering nuclear A generation station.

The Safe Communities of Pickering and Ajax supports OPG's application for an operating license for the Pickering Nuclear generating station because they have demonstrated industry and community leadership in safety.

A. Strong Commitment:

OPG's commitment to safety and protection of the environment is uncompromising and absolute. They have shown a strong commitment to our board by:

- 1. Serving on the Safe Communities of Pickering and Ajax (SCOPA) since its inception.
- 2. For the eighth year OPG will host and participate in the Threads of Life Walk at their facility in Pickering to raise money for the families of victims who suffered work place tragedies.
- 3. Through the Corporate Citizen Program, OPG has provided financial support to help SCOPA achieve leadership objectives
- 4. OPG has assisted with the cost of delivering the No Regrets programs to all secondary school students in Ajax and Pickering. This is a program that teaches youth about the risk of injuries in the work place.

B. Leadership:

- 1. OPG was the first recipient of the Electrical and Utilities Safety Association Gold Award and has also received the ZeroQuest Platinum Award from the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association.
- 2. SCOPA Canada has recognized OPG with the Ambassador for Safety Business Partner Award.
- 3. OPG has demonstrated community leadership by supporting a number of injury prevention and safety promotion programs in Ajax and Pickering
- 4. OPG has supported the Pickering and Ajax Recue Unit for Watercraft users on Lake Ontario and Frenchmen's Bay resulting in saved lives.

C. Collaboration:

- 1. OPG partners with their host communities like the City of Pickering and Clarington for community safety days.
- 2. OPG has supported youth workplace safety through Passport to Safety which is made available to all young workers joining their company for summer and co-op positions, as well as their employees' children.

Passport to Safety is an online national safety test, certification and transcript program for workers. Those who complete a test receive a 'certificate' or 'passport' which acknowledges and verifies the student's basic level of workplace health and safety knowledge.

3. OPG runs extensive water safety programs, in partnership with the OPP and others, to encourage people to 'Stay Clear' and 'Stay Safe' around damns, hydro-electric stations, and surrounding waters.

D. OPG is Deeply Committed to the Safety of its Employees

- 1. They have a safety culture where employees are expected to build safety into every task. This results in high a level of safety performance.
- 2. Pickering Nuclear employees have worked more than nine million hours without a lost- time injury.

Pickering Nuclear has been maintained and safely operated for more that 45 years.

4. OPG has invested \$100 million in additional inspections and maintenance to ensure the station continues to be safe and reliable until it is retired from service.

E. OPG believes that the target of Zero Injuries is achievable:

This is not only good business sense, it shows a commitment to protecting their employees and sending them home as healthy as they arrived at work.

Jim McKinnon

Chair

Safe Communities of Pickering and Ajax