



**Written submission from the
Women's Multicultural Resource &
Counselling Centre of Durham**

**Mémoire du
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Counselling Centre of Durham**

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

**Audience publique de la Commission –
Partie 2**

June 2018

Juin 2018



April 12th, 2018

To Whom This May Concern:

Re: Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Letter of Support for License Renewal 2018

Writing a letter of support for any worthy social endeavour, creates a unique opportunity for all stakeholders. It is a pleasure therefore to submit this letter of support in the quest of the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to renew its operating license for the Pickering Power Generating Plant.

Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre of Durham (WMRCC) is a registered charitable organization that provides specialized services and programs to women of all ages, youth and children from diverse backgrounds, to eradicate violence, to re-build their lives and to empower them to become contributing members of their community. The organization has been in inception since 1993, and has been providing innovative programs and services to vulnerable populations. The organization has been working closely with the OPG for years. OPG has been one of our corporate sponsors on different initiatives and programs.

I will outline why our community needs OPG in five categories; namely, **Safety, Environment, Economic, Community Support and Communications.**

1) Safety:

The safety of the general public and staff of the OPG is the top priority of the company. The Pickering Nuclear Plant has been safely maintained and operated for more than forty (40) years. It should be noted that OPG has contributed to the green economy and sustainable development efforts through initiatives for plant modernization and pollution abatement.

2) Environment:

OPG's power is more than 99 per cent free of smog and greenhouse gas emissions. Clearly, without OPG's electricity supply, darkness would reign supreme in various places, processes and for various people. The Pickering Nuclear Plant has been recognized within its host communities of Pickering and Ajax for its environmental and civic leadership. OPG has been recognized for its community activities on its location in Pickering. These activities include biodiversity and tree planting days, March Break fun



activities and family tour to the plant, weekly summer family activities as part of their Tuesdays on the Trail program. There are also, initiatives for benign physical environment and on electricity power generating innovation.

3) **Economic:**

On the economic standpoint, the role of the OPG in supplying electricity in general for the communities of Pickering and Ajax cannot be over-emphasized. OPG has been one of the top employees within the Regional Municipality of Durham, creating jobs for so many people in the community. Not having the plant will result in many job loss and hardship for various families affected.

4) **Community Support:**

OPG strives to make a difference by working with different stakeholders to improve the well-being of the communities the company operates. The Pickering Nuclear Station, through its Corporate Citizenship Program (CCP) provides support and donations to over one hundred and forty (140) grass roots not-for-profit and charitable organizations for community initiatives on annual basis in Pickering, Ajax and Whitby. Our organization, WMRCC of Durham has benefited from such kind gesture for years.

5) **Communications:**

OPG maintains open, transparent and consistent communications with its host communities and stakeholders on the situation of things. OPG regularly sends out newsletters and other mailings to the community throughout the year. Due to its openness and accountability measures put in place, OPG continues to build strong relationships with community stakeholders through partnerships and programs.

In sum then; considering that OPG's structure, conduct, operation and performance has benefited the public and private sectors, as well as the communities, non-for-profits and charitable organizations, including the society at large, WMRCC of Durham wholeheartedly support the application and recommend that OPG's license be renewed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director