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Written submission from the City of Pickering

Mémoire de la ville de Pickering

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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Office of the Mayor

Sent by email

May 7, 2018

Louise Levert, Senior Tribunal Officer Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission 280 Slater Street P.O. Box 1046, Station B Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

Subject:

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Licence Renewal

Dear Ms. Levert.

With the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station's (PNGS) current licence expiring on August 31, 2018, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has submitted its licence renewal application to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission for a 10-year licence term, covering the period between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2028.

OPG has informed the City that its current plan is to operate PNGS until the end of 2024, and the licence term between 2024 and 2028 will allow for safe storage activities such as the removal of fuel and water from the reactors.

For more than 40 years, PNGS has operated safely in our community. That said, I am very pleased that community safety has been, and continues to be OPG's highest priority. For example, Pickering Nuclear received the highest achievable safety performance rating from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) in 2015 and 2016. The ratings reflect improvements in several key areas including operational performance, safety, reliability and human performance.

In addition, OPG completed a Periodic Safety Review in accordance with CNSC regulations and International standards. OPG looked at plant operations 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 enhancements, it will be made even safer.

Equally as important, OPG maintains open, transparent and regular communications with the City of Pickering and our stakeholders. For example, Pickering Nuclear hosts Community Information Sessions each fall where community members are welcome to drop in, and hear presentations and ask questions.

Further, for the past 20 years, Pickering Nuclear has hosted a Community Advisory Council that meets once a month. The council is comprised of members from different sectors of the host communities, such as municipal government, business and youth, who provide feedback on subjects of interest and concern to the community.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge that OPG continues to be one of Pickering and Durham Region's most significant community partners. At PNGS, the Corporate Citizenship Program (CCP) provides (charitable, not-for-profit) support on average to over 140 grass roots community initiatives annually in Pickering, Ajax and Whitby. For example, OPG has sponsored a broad and diverse array of City of Pickering events and programs over the years. Some of these include Canada Day, Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program, Petapalooza, Celebrate Winter, Canada 150, and the Waterfront Concert Series. These sponsorships are so important, because they help strengthen the fabric of our community.

For the above reasons, I wish to reinforce my support of PNGS' re-licensing from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2028. OPG continues to be one of our community's most significant community partners, and I hope that CNSC will allow for the continued operations of PNGS over the next decade.

Yours truly

Dave Ryan

Mayor, City of Pickering

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