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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Darlington New Nuclear Project

Projet de nouvelle centrale nucléaire de Darlington

Application to renew the nuclear power reactor site preparation licence for the Darlington New Nuclear Project

Demande de renouvellement du permis de préparation de l'emplacement d'une centrale nucléaire pour le projet de nouvelle centrale nucléaire de Darlington

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May 3, 2021

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission 280 Slater Street P.O. Box 1046 Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

Dear Sir/Madam:

We are writing to you on behalf of the Labourers' International Union of North America (LiUNA) to recommend the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) support of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) request of a ten-year license renewal for the Nuclear Power Reactor Site Preparation License (PRSL) at the Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) set to expire on August 17th 2022.

LiUNA firmly believes that a renewed licence will preserve for both OPG and shareholders, the option for future nuclear generating capacity at the Darlington site, authorizing OPG to prepare the Darlington Nuclear site for the potential future construction and operation of a new nuclear generation station. It will continue to ensure that all work is performed with quality, to the appropriate standard and with minimal impact to the public, workers, and the environment. Collectively, all elements which will continue to ensure that safety is the overriding priority in any activities undertaken to prepare the site under this licence extension.

Chartered in 1903, LiUNA has been at the forefront of defending the rights of working men and women who build stronger communities across North America. LiUNA is Canada's largest building trades union representing various sectors of the construction industry, industrial and healthcare sector, united through collective bargaining agreements which ensure members earn competing wages, health and wellness benefits and the opportunity for advancement. LiUNA proudly represents over 140 000 Members across Canada committed to representing members through outreach and training, community advocacy, apprenticeship training and providing critical tools for career building opportunities in the skilled-trades. LiUNA is also a strong proponent for community advancement through skills training, working together to amplify opportunities to build an inclusive workforce which will ultimately be at the center of building self-sustaining communities.

LiUNA supports OPG's steadfast commitment to the safety of workers on-site and surrounding community. We strongly believe that OPG is qualified to conduct site preparation activities on the DNNP site and by extension of this request, the license will make adequate provisions for the protection of the environment and the health and safety of persons.

Similar to the foundation that underlines LiUNA's progressive action through strategic partnerships, OPG values the relationships it has with Indigenous communities, the public and stakeholders, fostering open and ongoing communications and engagement programs with the public, stakeholders and communities in which facilities are located, as well as transparent engagement with the broader general public on the importance of Nuclear Energy in the province and in our country.

LiUNA is a strong proponent for community advancement through skills training within its Indigenous Relations Department focusing on building trusting relationships through innovative training programs to build self-sustaining communities, stronger futures and a career in the trades, whilst respecting land, treaty rights and governance of the community.

In 2007 LiUNA signed a statement of partnership with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) former National Chief Phil Fontaine which was reaffirmed in 2017 with AFN National Chief Perry Bellegarde in perpetuity, as a catalyst for increasing employment and career building as members of LiUNA. Most recently, LiUNA signed a MOU with the First Nation Major Project Coalition to work together to strive to achieve mutual objectives related to the enhancement of the ability of First Nations to maximize benefits from participation in major projects that impact their traditional territories. The partnership signified LiUNA commitment to working together to foster First Nation equity ownership of major projects that are developed on their lands, together with increased work opportunities in all sectors of the construction industry in Canada.

LiUNA will continue to encourage the advancement of employment, apprenticeship and the highest level of skills training in partnership with indigenous communities to increase representation on essential projects across our nuclear industry in partnership with OPG.

With steadfast support, the Labourers' International Union of North America (LiUNA) recommends the approval of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) request of a ten-year license renewal for the Nuclear Power Reactor Site Preparation License (PRSL) at the Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP).

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With kind regards, we remain

Sincerely,

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