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**Written Submission from  
Durham College**

**Mémoire du  
Collège Durham**

In the matter of

À l'égard de

**Ontario Power Generation**

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Application to refurbish Pickering Nuclear  
Generating Station and to renew licences  
for the Pickering Nuclear Generating  
Station and Waste Management Facility

**Ontario Power Generation**

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Demande concernant la réfection de la  
centrale nucléaire de Pickering et le  
renouvellement de ses permis pour la  
centrale et l'installation de gestion des  
déchets

**Commission Public Hearing  
Part 2**

**Audience publique de la Commission  
Partie 2**

October 2026

Octobre 2026

June 25, 2026

Senior Tribunal Officer, Commission Registry  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
280 Slater St., PO Box 1046 Stn B  
Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

Dear Commission Registry:

**RE: CNSC Public Hearing 2026-H7 – Pickering Nuclear Generating Station  
License Renewal**

On behalf of Durham College (DC), I am pleased to express our support for Ontario Power Generation's (OPG's) application to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) to renew the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station's (PNGS) Power Reactor Operating Licence for the period of January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2036. The application will support the refurbishment of Units 5 to 8, enabling continued operation of the station for more than 30 years, while also supporting the safe progression of decommissioning activities for Units 1 to 4.

We also support the proposed consolidation of licensed activities associated with the Pickering Waste Management Facility into a single licensing framework, providing a more integrated approach to the management of generation and waste activities at the site.

As one of Canada's leading post-secondary institutions for skilled trades, engineering technology, and workforce development, Durham College recognizes the critical role that PNGS plays in Ontario's energy system, economy, and labour market. The Pickering Nuclear Generating Station has safely and reliably provided clean electricity to Ontarians for decades and currently supplies approximately 10 per cent of the province's electricity needs. The station's continued operation and planned refurbishment will ensure more than 2,100 megawatts of clean, reliable power remains available to support Ontario's growing communities, businesses, and industries for decades to come.

Durham College has enjoyed a strong and productive relationship with OPG for more than 45 years. In 2005, Durham College, OPG, and Ontario Tech University formalized a strategic partnership that continues to this day, reaffirming our collective commitment to developing the highly skilled workforce required to support Ontario's energy sector. Through this partnership, OPG has made significant investments in student success, workforce development, applied learning, and skilled trades education.

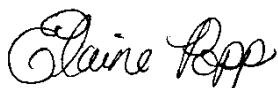
The planned refurbishment of Pickering Nuclear Generating Station represents a significant investment in Ontario's future. In addition to securing clean and reliable electricity for more than two million homes and businesses, the project will sustain and create thousands of highly skilled jobs across OPG, its contractors, and the broader Canadian supply chain. The project's anticipated economic impact, including billions of dollars in provincial GDP growth, will provide lasting benefits to Durham Region, Ontario, and Canada.

Durham College also recognizes OPG's longstanding commitment to safety. For decades, the dedicated employees at Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and the Pickering Waste Management Facility have operated under rigorous safety standards and regulatory oversight. The Pickering Waste Management Facility has maintained an exemplary safety record throughout its more than 30 years of operation, reflecting OPG's culture of continuous improvement, operational excellence, and commitment to protecting workers, the public, and the environment.

Approval of the proposed license renewal will support the continued safe operation and refurbishment of Pickering Nuclear Generating Station, the responsible management of waste activities, the continued development of Ontario's skilled workforce, and the long-term delivery of clean, reliable electricity that will benefit communities across the province for decades to come.

We look forward to continuing to engage with OPG as this important project progresses.

Sincerely,



Dr. Elaine Popp, President  
Durham College