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**Written Submission from
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In the matter of

À l'égard de

Ontario Power Generation

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

Ontario Power Generation

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
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From: Chris Drimmie
Sent: August 13, 2026 12:00 AM
To: Interventions / Interventions (CNSC/CCSN)
Subject: Submission re: Refurbishment and renewal of PROL for PNGS and PWF

EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

August 12, 2026

To:

Senior Tribunal Officer, Commission Registry
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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Subject: Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Refurbishment and Power Reactor Operating Licence and Waste Management Facility Renewal Application

While the opportunity to participate in the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's public hearing regarding Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) is appreciated, it is difficult to take this process seriously at this time. Our federal and provincial governments have both passed legislation exempting themselves, geographic areas and projects they designate from the normal laws and regulations on which Canadians rely. This project could be declared nation building and simply be exempted from meeting current legal expectations.

Despite that I have a few comments to make/questions:

- 1) Theoretically, consolidating the operating licences for the power reactor and the obviously directly related waste management facilities should be a good thing. It should compel OPG to be clear with the public and force the CNSC to consider and that all the ILW and used fuel wastes generated from this project will be stored onsite for the foreseeable future. The NWMO does not have an approved plan for a facility for it. There is a high risk that it never will. This needs to be acknowledged and the host community must be compensated for the waste storage.
- 2) How much of the site in hectares will be dedicated to waste storage by the end of the operating life of the project?
- 3) When does OPG anticipate all the existing fuel waste would finally be removed if the NWMO succeeds in building the Ignace DGR?
- 4) How many cents per kilowatt hour will be added to electricity rates in Ontario to cover cost of constructing this project? The taxpayers and rate payers of Ontario deserve clear answers about the cost of the project compared to alternative means of energy generation.