



CNSC Participant Funding Program Decision

Ontario Power Generation's application to renew the Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Darlington Nuclear Generation Station



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CNSC Decision on the Allocation of Participant Funding for Ontario Power Generation's Application to Renew the Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Darlington Nuclear Generation Station

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced on March 10, 2014, that it was offering up to \$75,000 under its Participant Funding Program (PFP) to help members of the public, Aboriginal groups, and other interested stakeholders participate in Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) application to renew the Power Reactor Operating Licence (PROL) for the Darlington Nuclear Generation Station (NGS), to cover the period necessary to complete the proposed refurbishment of all four Darlington NGS units. This funding must be used to review and provide comments on the licence application and related materials, as well as to prepare for and participate in the Commission's public hearing. The deadline for submitting participant funding applications to the CNSC was April 28, 2014.

Seven (7) applicants were informed of their successful application in June 2014, and were provided with a *Contribution Agreement* (CA). On July 29, 2014, following a request from OPG, the CNSC announced that it had extended the existing Darlington NGS PROL for a period of 12 months, to allow additional time to provide more comprehensive documentation, reflect new CNSC expectations, and facilitate public engagement in the upcoming public hearing (originally scheduled for November 2014). As a result, the new public hearings are tentatively scheduled for August 19, 2015 (Part 1) and November 2-5, 2015 (Part 2). All PFP recipients were notified of the change in hearing dates. Due to the unique situation that the postponement of the Darlington NGS licence renewal hearing presented, the CNSC allowed for additional applications to be submitted and reviewed by the Funding Review Committee (FRC). One additional application was received.

Background

Participant funding was made available by the CNSC:

- for the provision of new, distinctive and valuable information to the CNSC, through informed and topic-specific interventions
- to assist interested parties in preparing for and participating in the Commission's public hearing process for the matter at hand

A funding review committee (FRC), independent from the CNSC, was established to review the funding applications received by the CNSC's PFP administrator, and to make recommendations to the CNSC on the allocation of up to \$75,000 for eligible applicants.

The FRC members were: Mr. Guy Riverin, environmental assessment expert and retired federal public servant; Mr. Paul Scott, retired Regional Director of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's Vancouver office; and Mr. Bruce Young, retired Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Director.

The FRC reviewed the nine (9) PFP applications received by the CNSC, requesting a total of \$248,109.20.

Eligibility and funding criteria

For more information on participant funding and how it works – including details on eligibility and funding criteria – please read the [PFP Guide](#).

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The CNSC has carefully considered the recommendations of the FRC for the allocation of participant funding in the matter of OPG’s application to renew the PROL for the Darlington NGS.

With regard to the funding applicants in the matter at hand, the CNSC accepted all of the recommendations of the FRC and approved the reimbursement of up to \$73,162.48 in participant funding to the recipients listed below.

Applicant	Maximum amount of available funding
Society of Professional Engineers and Associates	\$4,300.00
Women in Nuclear	\$7,000.00
North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NAYGN - Canada Region)	\$2,250.00
Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	\$16,950.00
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte	\$11,000.00
Lake Ontario Water Keeper	\$9,060.00
Northwatch	\$14,834.00
Durham Nuclear Awareness	\$7,768.48
TOTAL	\$73,162.48

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