Written submission from Jasmine Bruce

In the Matter of

Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Jasmine Bruce, and I am deeply concerned about the Ontario Power Generation’s proposal to continue running the aging Pickering reactors well beyond what was deemed safe.

It seems transparent that the Power Plant built in stages between 1966 and 1986 is no longer a viable option in our modern day an age, especially due to new technological advancements in renewable energy sources. There is no credible justification that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission can possibly think of for continuing to operate such a risk in the Greater Toronto Area, where 6.418 million people live. These are men, women, and children that you are putting at risk and have a lack of regard for their safety. This is inexcusable. You are putting schools, hospitals, and millions of homes at risk by continuing to operate a plant that should have been shut down decades ago.

No school in my community, about 28 public schools, have an evacuation plan or any idea what to do incase of an emergency. This is unacceptable and MUST be changed, this plant puts us all at risk and nobody, not even the smallest children, deserves to go unnoticed.

It is plain and simple, this is Canada’s oldest and most dangerous nuclear power plant, and should be shut down without discussion. By requesting a ten-year licence renewal the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission is disregarding the lives, and duty that it has to millions of individuals. I was raised in this community and have lived here my whole life, and this was not the way I pictured a Canadian Elected Government treating its citizens.

Regards,

Jasmine Bruce