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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

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The reactors at the Pickering nuclear station are past their expiry date, and we should not be spending vast sums of public money to keep them going for another few years. We can import hydropower from Quebec for half the cost to replace the electricity lost by closing these reactors. Keeping them running means the continuing risk of a nuclear disaster such as happened at Chernobyl in 1986 and at Fukushima in 2011. Such a disaster would necessitate the evacuation of millions from nearby areas including the city of Toronto. We do not have a viable plan to achieve this, and it would still be a nightmare even if we did. The dislocation and health impacts would be catastrophic and very long lasting. Let's do the sane and rational thing and start decommissioning all these reactors now.

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