Written submission from Doug Rylett

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

June 2018
Re: My Opposition to the continued running of the Pickering reactors (Ref. 2018-H-03)

Dear Commissioners,

I am extremely concerned about the possibility of the lease for Pickering being extended beyond August. The examples of Chernobyl and Fukushima illustrated that the impacts of a nuclear accident are not limited to the areas near nuclear stations. There are 6 million people that live in the GTA with downtown Toronto being only 32 km from the plant!!!

I believe you should reject the proposed renewal of the operating license for Pickering.

I support and agree with the City of Toronto’s request of the Commission to strengthen the nuclear emergency response plans as per the Councils motions in November 2017 (EX28.13) and April 2018 (EX33.6).

I also support the pre-distribution of potassium iodide (KI) pills beyond the current 10 kilometre Primary Zone in an updated Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP).

I am also very concerned that the PNERP does not have sufficient plans for what to do if Toronto’s water supply becomes contaminated in the event of a nuclear accident.

It is unfortunate that the hearings are not in Toronto so I cannot make an oral submission. I hope that this written submission will be taken as seriously as an oral presentation.

Thank you,

Doug Rylett