Written submission from Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-West Durham and Northumberland

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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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Secretariat  
280 Slater St.  
P.O Box 1046  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5S9

Re: Renewal of the Pickering Nuclear Operating License

To Whom It May Concern:

Ontario Power Generation (OPG), specifically Pickering Nuclear, demonstrates an incredible level of commitment to the community in which it operates. OPG develops strong relationships with community stakeholders and residents through its support of local charities, schools, causes, movements, and businesses. As a local charitable organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-West Durham and Northumberland (BBBS) has benefited from both the financial and volunteer support of OPG and its employees.

As the leading child and youth mentoring charity in our area BBBS facilitates life-changing relationships that inspire and empower children and youth to reach their potential, both as individuals and citizens. In order to deliver our mentorship programming, BBBS relies on corporate partnerships and support. We are proud to recognize OPG as one of the most significant corporate partners in Pickering. Both OPG and its employees continually show their commitment to our programs and to the children in our community.

For many years now OPG has been the presenting sponsor of our annual signature Bowl for Kids’ Sake event. This is the most important fundraising event of our year. In addition to a financial sponsorship, OPG employees volunteer in various capacities, assist in soliciting additional community support, raise pledges for the agency, and participate in the event itself.

In addition to their involvement in Bowl for Kids’ Sake, OPG employees also provide support to BBBSAP by donating through the Employee’s and Pensioner’s Trust, contributing funds raised from in-house charity campaigns, and providing “Holiday Hampers” to our families most in need.

Equally important to the financial contributions, are the volunteer efforts made by individual employees. OPG employees have played an important role as volunteer mentors in various Big Brothers Big Sisters programs. Serving as role models, OPG employees who volunteer as mentors teach by example the importance of giving back, of staying in school, and having respect for family, peers and community. We truly value the contribution that OPG employees have made in helping children in our community realize and share their full potential.

If you need further information regarding our involvement with Pickering Nuclear, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Melanie Stewart  
Executive Director