Written submission from the Durham Nuclear Health Committee

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

Mémoire du Durham Nuclear Health Committee

À l’égard de

Ontario Power Generation Inc., centrale nucléaire de Pickering

Demande de renouvellement, pour une période de dix ans, de son permis d’exploitation d’un réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale nucléaire de Pickering

Audience publique de la Commission – Partie 2

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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Dear Ms. Levert:

I understand that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission is considering an application by OPG to renew, for 10 years, the operating license of Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. As Chair of the Durham Nuclear Health Committee (DNHC), I offer the following written comments; I do not intend to make an oral presentation.

In 1995, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham created the DNHC to act as forum for primarily discussing and addressing radiological emissions from nuclear facilities in Durham Region to assess potential health effects. I have served as the Chair of the DNHC since the committee was formed and we have dealt with many topics that required the involvement of many OPG staff.

OPG consistently provides the DNHC with a responsive team of knowledgeable personnel to help us understand the environmental and community health issues related to operations. As OPG and the DNHC have met and discussed many safety issues, we have developed a very strong, open relationship that has enabled the DNHC to fulfill its mandate.

The DNHC has been fully engaged with several EAs/public consultations related to a number of OPG projects over the years. In addition, OPG has provided excellent support and responsiveness to the DNHC and the community, while providing many opportunities for feedback through the community consultation process.

In closing, more information about the DNHC can be found at: http://bit.ly/2GA9RXy.

Yours sincerely,

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