Written submission from the Durham College

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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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

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Juin 2018
April 3, 2018

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
c/o Louise Levert
Senior Tribunal Officer
280 Slater Street, P.O Box 1046
Ottawa, ON, K1P 5S9

Dear Commission members:

I am writing on behalf of Durham College to express strong support for the 10-year licence renewal application by the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to operate the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. Durham College has a long standing relationship with OPG and we continue to find OPG to be a safe and reliable operator with a strong commitment to safety and environmental sustainability. OPG is an active and dedicated community member and a critical provider of energy to our province.

In particular, I’d like to highlight a few areas that I believe support the request for a 10-year licence renewal:

- Durham College has had a partnership with OPG for more than 45 years, and over the last 15 years has entered into a formal partnership with OPG and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. This partnership allows for the sharing of and investment in nuclear expertise, education and training, equipment, and best practices amongst the three partners. This partnership is just one example of the many that capture how OPG is active in the community, while also aligning partnership in ways that support its core operations.

- Pickering has an excellent record of safe performance and is committing more than $290 million in its continued operations and the safe decommissioning of the Pickering reactors.

Our students benefit immensely through field placement and co-op opportunities at OPG that give them an edge through hands-on work experience through access to the most up-to-date industry resources and experts within a short drive from the classroom, and through long-term rewarding careers. In addition, Durham College also provides training to OPG employees and
OPG shares its expertise through our program advisory committees so our programs remain relevant and current. These opportunities are critical for developing the next generation of nuclear employees.

Durham College has been providing education in Durham Regions for over 50 years. The college has benefitted greatly from our strong relationship with OPG, its administrators and employees for the majority of these years. OPG is an important and valuable members of our community and we consider ourselves fortunate to be within close proximity to OPG’s nuclear power plants. As such, we are very pleased to encourage approval of the 10-year licence renewal.

Sincerely,

Don Lovisa  
President