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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 safety and future existence of our society depends on the actions we take now regarding nuclear power in Ontario. The disaster of Fukushima should teach us the importance of 1) implementing a robust emergency plan for Ontario, and 2) decommissioning old out-of-date plants such as the Pickering nuclear facilities and instead investing in renewable and safe, clean energy sources. Furthermore, the Fukushima and Chernobyl disasters teach us that the risk is just too great. Future generations will recognize the inherent correctness in taking action now. The dangers of a Chernobyl/Fukushima/Three-mile island type accident have been in the public conscience for at least three decades, and yet I have never received any material from The Ontario Power Generation Corporation regarding safety procedures for the general public in the event of an accident at the Pickering nuclear power plant. Clearly the OPG cannot be trusted to take the possibility of a nuclear disaster seriously. Therefore, the Pickering nuclear facility should not be refurbished but instead should be shut down. Please make sure to protect the viability of our society for future generations by shutting down the Pickering nuclear facility.

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