Written submission from Maria-Theresia Roemmelt

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

Audience publique de la Commission – Partie 2

Juin 2018
To: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Dear Sir or Madam,

Unfortunately I do not know you in person, but I want to thank you for the work you have been doing over the years. I am sure you did it to the best of your ability.

I am writing to you today also to urge you to decommission the Pickering Nuclear Reactors. They have been in use beyond their expected life-time and they are aging. They do no longer meet current international standards for safety which increases the risk of an accident that could potentially cause unimaginable damage for generations to come. There have already been several near-miss incidents. Is this a risk you truly want to be held accountable for the rest of your life?

We do no longer need the power that would be generated by these reactors in Ontario; other sources of power that do not pollute the ecosystem are available and make much more sense economically in this day and age. With our focus on alternative sources of energy, existing employees can responsibly be transitioned into new employment.

I urge you again to consider the responsibility you are carrying towards the people living in Ontario and beyond and vote for shutting down the Pickering Nuclear Reactors. The fall-out from nuclear accidents does not stop at the border.

Sincerely,

Maria-Theresia Roemmelt