



Oral Presentation

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**Submission from the
Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade**

**Mémoire du
Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade**

In the Matter of

À l'égard de

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station**

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
centrale nucléaire de Pickering**

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear
Power Reactor Operating Licence for the
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

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

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

**Audience publique de la Commission –
Partie 2**

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Commission Secretariat
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
280 Slater Street
PO Box 1046, Station B
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Commission Secretariat:

The Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade (APBOT) represents over 650 businesses in the region and is the voice of business in Ajax and Pickering. It is without hesitation that we submit this letter in support of Ontario Power Generation Pickering's application to renew its operating license for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station until August 31, 2028.

The APBOT has a long-standing and positive relationship with OPG. The OPG's presence in the community has been extremely beneficial for our members, as well as for the communities of Ajax and Pickering.

OPG has always strived to ensure we are informed of their efforts in innovation and being a leader in safety. Earlier this year, OPG invited the APBOT's Board of Directors to a presentation and an insightful tour of their site. During this presentation and tour, OPG highlighted their operational safety, initiatives, and community outreach. This presentation and tour reaffirmed why OPG has maintained an impeccable safety record over the past 40 years in Pickering, which is in line with the industry benchmark around the world. It further reaffirmed why we need and can trust the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station for many more years to come.

Another recent example of OPG's educational outreach came in 2017, when they invited more than 30 partner organizations to participate in a large-scale emergency preparedness exercise. The APBOT was among those invited to observe the exercise activities and were also given the opportunity to provide feedback.

In addition to positively fostering education about the site and safety, OPG has also supported and hosted numerous community events and activities. For example, Pickering Nuclear offered its facilities to the APBOT for the purpose of hosting business events. Indeed, Pickering

Nuclear supports an annual average of 140 grass roots community initiatives in the region. Pickering Nuclear has also shown environmental leadership in the community, reaching Level 3 in the APBOT's Eco Business certification program, the highest level attainable. Its continued operation would also reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Ontario by an estimated 17-million tonnes, equivalent to removing 3.4 million cars per year from Ontario's roads.

As the voice of business, the APBOT also recognizes that the extended operations of Pickering Nuclear would be a continued driver of economic development in Ajax, Pickering, and beyond. Licensing Pickering Nuclear until 2024 will result in 4,500 direct and indirect jobs across Durham Region. Further, a recently released report from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC), in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis (CANCEA), entitled "*Pickering Continued Operations: An Impact Analysis on Ontario's Economy*", estimated that extended operations to 2024 will contribute more than \$12.3 billion to Ontario's GDP (\$1.54 Billion annually), account for 7950 full-time equivalent (FTE) annual jobs, and generate \$290 million in government taxation revenues annually.

It is our understanding that a public hearing on the application will be held in Courtice, Ontario from June 26 to 28, 2018. Please accept this letter as indication of the APBOT's intention to attend and to make an oral presentation to show our support for OPG and their application for a renewal of the operating license for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station until August 31, 2028.

Yours sincerely,



Christine Ashton
2018 President
Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade