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OPG Seeks Five-Year Licence Renewal for Pickering A

Nuclear stations in Canada are federally regulated and operate under licences issued by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) for specific periods of time. Prior to the expiry date of an operating licence, OPG must seek renewal of our operating licences. Currently, Pickering A operates under a five-year licence which will come to an end in 2010. Pickering B and Darlington Nuclear also operate under five-year licences.

OPG believes its programs (to ensure the safety of employees and the public and protection of the environment) warrant a renewal of the operating licence for a period of five years. OPG's request for renewal of the operating licence describes the programs, results achieved, and plans for further improvements, and a verbal presentation of this program will be made to the Commission by Pickering A Senior VP Glenn Jager.

CNSC staff have submitted a commission member document (CMD) to the Commission, recommending their approval of a five-year licence for Pickering A as well.

Our operations are continually monitored by CNSC staff 365 days of the year. Regular reviews are conducted of the practices at Pickering A to ensure the provisions of the licence are being met at all times. The CNSC evaluated us in 14 Safety and Control areas. In all of these important areas OPG continues to meet or exceed performance expectations.

At hearings in Ottawa on February 17 and in Pickering on May 21, the Commission will review the CNSC staff recommendation, OPG's submission, and submissions from interested stakeholders and the public to aid in their decision. Written expressions of support and intervener comments must be submitted to the CNSC **by April 21**.

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