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OPG TAKES NEXT STEP IN DURHAM REGION INVESTMENT *Site preparation and servicing for proposed building begins this fall*

Durham Region – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proceeding, in conjunction with the Municipality of Clarington and Durham Region, with site preparation and servicing for a proposed 250,000-square foot multi-purpose building on OPG-owned land in the Clarington Energy Business Park adjacent to the Darlington Nuclear Station. This is the next step in OPG's ongoing investment in Durham Region.

In February OPG announced that it will invest about \$300 million to ensure the continued safe and reliable performance of its Pickering B station for approximately 10 years. It also announced that it was starting detailed planning for the mid-life refurbishment of the Darlington Nuclear Station. The proposed support building will house key elements of the planning phase project team.

"This is good news for the Municipality of Clarington and Durham Region," said Clarington Mayor Jim Abernethy. "Now that servicing is proceeding we're looking forward to other energy related companies and institutions joining the Clarington Energy Business Park," he added.

This proposed Darlington Refurbishment Complex (DRC) would include a public information centre and a security processing centre. There would also be a training facility and a full-sized mock up tooling and testing facility that would allow for the development of the tools and processes needed for the refurbishment. This allows staff to simulate fuel channel and feeder replacements before the works gets underway. The building would also have office space for the refurbishment project management team.

The DRC is just one component of the value the Darlington refurbishment will bring to the economy of Clarington and Durham Region," said OPG Executive Vice President Bill Robinson. The building will house integral parts of OPG's preparations for the success of the Darlington refurbishment project. We are committed to strong planning and development ahead of construction to ensure a project that will be delivered on time and on budget."

The DRC would be located on the southeast corner of South Service Road and Osbourne Road in Clarington's Energy Business Park. OPG acquired the site to meet its potential future needs. Currently, the site for the OPG complex is vacant and not

serviced. It needs to be prepared for development by bringing in municipal services such as water, sanitary sewer mains and storm water management systems. The servicing work is expected to begin this fall. A decision on the building itself is expected later this year.

The business decision to move forward with the refurbishment investment in the Darlington station comes after very positive outcomes of initial studies on the plant's condition and continued strong operating performance. The next phase of the process will include an Environmental Assessment, an Integrated Safety Review and an Integrated Improvement Plan that will define the scope, cost and schedule of the refurbishment project.