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ONTARIO POWER GENERATION'S PICKERING UNIT 7 OUTAGE EXTENDED

[Pickering, ON]: Pickering Unit 7 came off line April 6, 2008 for a maintenance outage related to its main output transformer.

As the unit was being shut down, an additional maintenance repair was identified, unrelated to the transformer inspection.

The issue was traced to a reactor tube shield, already previously identified and scheduled for future maintenance. Because there were no safety issues, this maintenance was scheduled for 2010. OPG's priority is the safe operation of its stations, so while this did not pose any safety concerns for employees and the public, a decision has been made, to repair the tube shield during the current outage.

Unit 7 is expected to remain shut down until late summer to ensure safe and thorough completion of the repair.

At the same time, work scheduled for the Unit 7 outage planned for this fall (2008) will come ahead and be completed at the same time. This should eliminate the need for the fall outage.

Pickering Unit 4, 5, 6 and 8 are currently operating at or near 100 per cent full power delivering about 2,000 MW of electricity to the Ontario electricity grid. Pickering Unit 1 is currently on a maintenance outage. Darlington 2, 3 and 4 are also operating at or near 100 per cent full power, providing a further 2,700 MW of electricity to the Ontario electricity grid. Darlington Unit 1 is currently in a planned maintenance outage, returning in time for the summer season.

Through its mixed generation fleet, including hydroelectric and fossil, OPG provides about 70 per cent of Ontario's electricity.

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