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OPG INVESTING 141.7 MILLION INTO DARLINGTON NUCLEAR UNIT 1 *Spring outage will ensure 900 MW unit will be ready to meet summer demand*

Clarington – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has begun a \$141.7 million planned maintenance and inspection outage on Darlington Nuclear Unit 1. More than 15 thousand tasks will be completed in order to ensure that unit 1 is back producing reliable and clean power when electricity demand heats up.

“This spring time work will ensure that our nuclear units are ready to deliver the power the province needs during the summer when electricity demand is high,” says Brian Duncan, Senior Vice-President Darlington Nuclear. “The Darlington units produce enough electricity to power about two million homes or a city the size of Toronto every day.”

Last October, OPG began a \$12.8 billion investment in the Darlington nuclear station. The refurbishment of the first of four units will preserve about 3,000 jobs and provide 30-plus years of safe, reliable power with virtually no smog or greenhouse gas emissions. The Darlington Refurbishment is a made-in-Ontario project. More than 60 companies from over 25 Ontario communities will be directly engaged in the massive undertaking and approximately 96 per cent of the project’s suppliers are currently based in Ontario.

In 2016, OPG’s average sale price for its generation was 6.9 cents per kilowatt hour, which is considerably less than the 11 cents per kilowatt hour other generators received.

OPG generates safe, clean, reliable, low-cost power for Ontario. More than 99 per cent of this power is free of smog and greenhouse gas emissions. OPG’s power is priced 40 per cent lower than other generators, which helps moderate customer bills.

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