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OPG SPEAKS ABOUT FUTURE OF NUCLEAR POWER

Safe, clean, reliable, low-cost nuclear energy underpins Ontario's electricity sector

Ottawa – Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) nuclear power will have an important role to play in Canada's low carbon economy.

"OPG aims to safely generate low-cost, clean and reliable power for customers," Glenn Jager, President, OPG Nuclear and Chief Nuclear Officer, told the House of Commons Standing Committee on Natural Resources today. "And we generate that power with purpose; meaning we look beyond the bottom line to help improve the wellbeing of Ontario's communities and residents."

Sixty per cent of Ontario's power comes from its three nuclear stations, a proven source of energy, especially at a time when Canada and many other countries around the world are searching for ways to limit their greenhouse gas emissions.

In October, OPG began work on Canada's largest clean energy project, the Darlington Nuclear Refurbishment. This 10 year, \$12.8-billion investment will ensure a safe, clean, reliable, low-cost power source in Ontario for the next 30 years. The Conference Board of Canada estimated the refurbishment and continued operation of Darlington Nuclear to 2055 will boost the province's GDP by \$89.9 billion. And, an independent study of its environmental benefits reported that running Darlington another 30 years is equal to removing two million cars a year from Ontario's roads.

Ontario Power Generation is the province's largest and lowest-cost clean energy provider. Our power is more than 99 per cent free of smog and carbon emissions and we're paid about 40 per cent less than the average price paid to other generators.

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