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OPG INVESTING \$75 MILLION INTO PICKERING NUCLEAR UNIT 8 ***Planned work will ensure continued strong performance***

Pickering – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has begun a \$75 million planned maintenance and inspection outage on Pickering Nuclear Unit 8. The 500 megawatt unit was removed from service March 1 after more than 215 consecutive days of producing reliable and clean baseload electricity.

“The strong performance of Unit 8 helped Pickering Nuclear achieve its best ever reliability performance in 2015,” says Brian McGee Senior Vice-President Pickering Nuclear. “Our units at Pickering provide about 14 per cent of the province’s electricity every day ensuring customers have the power they need.”

OPG has invested more than \$200 million in the Pickering station since 2010. During the Unit 8 planned maintenance and inspection outage more than twenty thousand tasks will be performed. This investment will ensure that Pickering Nuclear continues to be one of Ontario’s most important generating assets.

In January, OPG announced a plan to pursue continued operation of the Pickering Station to 2024. All six units would operate until 2022; two units would then shut down and four units would operate to 2024. Extending Pickering’s operation would ensure a reliable, clean source of base load electricity during the Darlington and initial Bruce refurbishments.

OPG provides about half the power Ontario relies on. The electricity OPG produces is 99.7 per cent free of greenhouse gas and smog causing emissions.

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