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## OPG SALUTES THE 2015 CLIMATE SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

**Toronto** –Ontario Power Generation (OPG) proudly salutes the leaders and delegates who are taking part in the Climate Summit of the Americas this week in Toronto.

The company recently marked one year since it burned its last piece of coal to make electricity. Stopping the use of coal power represents North America's single largest climate change initiative and equals the removal of seven million cars from the road. OPG has since become a world leader in biomass generation, a renewable process recognized as beneficial to climate change mitigation.

Two coal stations in Thunder Bay and Atikokan have been converted to biomass, which produces 80 per cent fewer emissions than natural gas and 90 per cent fewer emissions than coal. The stations now burn sustainably-sourced wood pellets that meet the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change definition of renewable biomass. Atikokan GS is North America's largest 100 per cent biomass-fueled plant, while Thunder Bay GS is the world's first 100 per cent advanced biomass station.

"Looking back on our biomass conversions, we can proudly say we've made huge strides for the environment," says Mike Martelli, Senior Vice President, Hydro-Thermal Operations. "Now, 99.7 per cent of the electricity OPG produces comes from sources that are free of smog and greenhouse gas emissions."

Please refer to the [attached backgrounder](#) for a more detailed look at our conversion to biomass and how it benefits Ontarians.

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