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PICKERING STATION MAINTENANCE WILL ENSURE FUTURE LOW COST POWER

Unit 5 provided clean energy for 632 days before shutdown

Toronto – Ontario Power Generation’s (OPG) Pickering Nuclear Station Unit 5 was safely shut down to begin a planned maintenance outage that will help ensure reliable, low cost electricity for the province. The shutdown came after 632 consecutive days of operation.

“The Pickering station provides 14 per cent of the electricity Ontario depends on and our staff knows the key role it plays in the electricity system,” says Glenn Jager, OPG Nuclear President and Chief Nuclear Officer. “The long operation is a testament to the commitment and skill of our employees and the robustness of the plant equipment.”

During the outage OPG will invest \$73 million in maintenance and inspection projects. This is part of OPG’s plan to improve Pickering’s performance to ensure this important baseload electricity continues to provide clean energy until 2024. Continued operation of the Pickering station until 2024 will save Ontario electricity customers up to \$600 million and avoid 17 million tonnes of carbon emissions being released into the environment.

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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