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## CNSC GIVES DARLINGTON NUCLEAR TEN YEAR OPERATING LICENCE

**Clarington** – The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced its decision to grant a ten year licence for OPG’s Darlington Nuclear Generating Station. The licence will be valid from Jan. 1, 2016 until Nov. 30, 2025.

“This is the longest licence ever granted to a Canadian nuclear power plant,” said Glenn Jager, OPG’s Nuclear President and Chief Nuclear Officer. “The licence term reflects the strong performance of the Darlington station and the preparations OPG has made for refurbishment.”

The Darlington Refurbishment Project will have a significant impact on Ontario’s economy. The Conference Board of Canada crunched the numbers and determined the refurbishment would generate \$14.9 billion in economic benefits to Ontario, and create an average of 8,800 jobs annually between 2010 and 2023. Overall household revenues would increase by \$8.5 billion.

“OPG has been preparing for the refurbishment since 2009,” said Jager. “Detailed planning is essential for a project of this size and duration. We’ve planned, practiced and prepared and now we’re ready to deliver this important clean power project on time and on budget.”

Darlington Nuclear is one of the top performing nuclear stations in the world. With a total capacity of 3,512 MW, it has been producing about 20 per cent of the province’s electricity since the early 1990s.

With 99.7 per cent of the power we produce free of smog and greenhouse gas emissions, OPG is Ontario’s largest, clean energy provider.

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