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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ISSUES DECISION ON OPG RATE APPLICATION

Application Covers 2017-2021 Period

Toronto – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) welcomed the decision issued today by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on the Ontario Power Generation 2017 – 2021 rate application (OEB File Number EB-2016-0152).

Highlights of the decision include:

-The effective date of the new rates for OPG's nuclear and prescribed hydroelectric electricity generation is [insert date].

[Three to four key highlights to be pulled by Ted G. from decision during lockup to include here as bullets]

The OEB's decision comes after an extensive regulatory review process, including a public hearing. A copy of the decision is available on the [hyperlink OEB website].

OPG is reviewing the decision in detail, and as directed by the OEB, OPG will develop a draft rate order to implement the decision. OPG plans to submit a draft rate order in approximately [insert timing set out by the OEB] for public review and OEB approval. A final OEB decision on rates is expected in early 2018.

The impact of the OEB's decision back to the xxx effective date will be reflected in OPG's financial results for the fourth quarter of 2017.

Quick Facts

- OPG is the only electricity generator in the province that undergoes a public review of its prices by the OEB. The OEB made its decision after an open and transparent public hearing process.
- The regulated prices paid to OPG cover its nuclear generation and most of its hydroelectric generation. These payments ensure the company can continue to deliver clean, safe and reliable energy for the province. This includes the refurbishment of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station, Canada's largest clean energy project. Darlington provides power to one in every five homes in Ontario without the emissions that create smog and contribute to climate change.
- A significant driver of OPG's nuclear rate in the short term is that OPG is losing some production at Darlington during the refurbishment of its reactors. Refurbishment will extend the life of the Darlington plant by 30 years. Together, refurbishment and subsequent operations of the station will boost Ontario's GDP by \$90 billion and increase employment by an annual average of

14,000 jobs over the station's life. The Darlington Refurbishment project remains on time and on budget.

- In a recent report, *An Assessment of the Financial Risks of the Nuclear Refurbishment Plan*, issued on November 21, 2017, the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario confirmed the long-term environmental and cost benefits of refurbished nuclear generation, stating, "There are no alternative scenarios that are comparable to refurbished nuclear generation in terms of both cost and emissions." The report follows the Long-Term Energy Plan issued by Ontario's Ministry of Energy in October 2017 that recognized the refurbishment of Ontario's nuclear generating fleet as the most cost-effective option for producing emission-free baseload generation to meet Ontario's future needs.
- Payments the OEB sets for OPG's generation also ensure continued operation and upgrades of the company's hydroelectric fleet.

OPG generates safe, clean, reliable, low-cost power for Ontario. More than 99 per cent of this power is free of smog and carbon emissions. OPG's power is priced about 40 per cent lower than other generators, which helps moderate customer bills.

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