



CNSC Participant Funding Program Decision

Ontario Power Generation's Licence Renewal of the Pickering Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence



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CNSC Decision on the Allocation of Participant Funding for Ontario Power Generation's Licence renewal of the Pickering Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced on November 7, 2012, that it was offering up to \$50,000 under its Participant Funding Program (PFP) to help members of the public, Aboriginal groups, and other interested stakeholders participate in Ontario Power Generation's licence renewal of the Pickering nuclear power reactor operating licence. This funding must be used to review and provide comments on the licensing application and related materials, as well as prepare for (i.e., review and comment on the final report) and participate in the Commission's public hearing process. The deadline for submitting participant funding applications to the CNSC was December 7, 2012.

Background

Participant funding was made available by the CNSC:

- for the provision of new, distinctive and valuable information to the CNSC through informed and topic-specific interventions
- to assist interested parties in preparing for and participating in the Commission's public hearing process for the matter at hand, on May 29-30, 2013 in Pickering, ON

A Funding Review Committee (FRC), independent from the CNSC, was established to review the funding applications received by the CNSC's PFP Administrator, and to make recommendations on the allocation of up to \$50,000 to eligible applicants. Flexibility to exceed the financial ceiling of \$50,000 was given to the FRC in light of the total dollar amount that was initially requested by applicants.

The FRC members were: Mr. Paul Scott, retired Regional Director of the Canadian Environmental Agency's Vancouver office; Mr. Guy Riverin, environmental assessment expert and retired federal public servant; and Mr. Bruce Young, retired Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Director.

On December 17, 2012, the FRC met to review the seven (7) participant funding applications received by the CNSC, requesting a total of \$197,948.30.

Eligibility and Funding Criteria

Eligible applicants included individuals, Aboriginal groups or not-for-profit organizations who could demonstrate that they had one of the following:

- a direct, local interest in the project, such as living or owning property near the project area
- Aboriginal traditional knowledge and/or local community insight, relevant to the proposed project
- interests in potential project impacts on treaty lands, settlement lands or traditional territories or related claims and rights
- plans to provide value-added information relevant to the mandate of the CNSC and the specific matter before the Commission

The FRC also took into consideration whether each of the funding applications was complete, received on time, reasonable and justifiable for the matter at hand.

Additional factors considered by the FRC include:

The degree to which the applicant:

- could provide expertise from credible and reputable professional sources
- represented many directly affected parties with one voice for the matter at hand
- did not have access to other funding that could support input to the matter at hand

The degree to which the funding proposal and the nature of the proposed activities and related costs:

- were reasonable for the matter at hand
- fit within the scope of the matter at hand and maximum funding available
- did not duplicate or overlap with work undertaken by others
- were not already conducted in the normal course of the applicant's business

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With regard to the funding applicants in the matter at hand, the CNSC accepts all the recommendations of the FRC and approves the reimbursement of up to \$67,698.30 in participant funding to the recipients listed below.

The CNSC has carefully considered the recommendations of the independent FRC for the allocation of participant funding in the matter of Ontario Power Generation's licence renewal of the Pickering nuclear power reactor operating licence.

Applicant	Maximum amount of PFP available
Canadian Environmental Law Association	Up to \$4,500.00
Durham Nuclear Awareness	Up to \$16,750.00
Métis Nation of Ontario	Up to \$12,500.00
Northwatch	Up to \$17,448.30
Sierra Club	Up to \$16,500.00

In order for funds to be released, recipients must sign a contribution agreement that will specify the maximum amount of funding approved for their proposal and the deliverables required for day two of the Commission public hearing.

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