

DEAR PREMIER MCGUINTY,

Please tell OPG that it will **not** be allowed to pass its Darlington Re-Build cost overruns onto the province's electricity consumers and taxpayers. Enough is enough. No more blank cheques for OPG. It is time to start focussing on the lower cost and lower risk options to keep our lights on — energy efficiency, combined heat and power, and water power imports from Quebec.



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DEAR MR. HUDAK, Ontario's hard working families cannot afford to spend \$35 billion to re-build Darlington's aging reactors. It is time to stop out-of-control nuclear spending. Please tell OPG that a Hudak Government will not allow it to pass its cost overruns on to consumers and taxpayers. It is time to put Ontario's consumers and taxpayers first. **No more blank cheques for OPG.**



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ONTARIO HAS LOWER COST OPTIONS TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

Ontario's electricity needs can be met at a much lower cost with a combination of energy conservation and efficiency, water power from Quebec and small-scale natural gas-fired combined heat and power plants. It really is this simple.

- Ontario's electricity demand has fallen by 7% since 2006, but our electricity consumption per person is still 35% greater than New York State's.
- Water power imports from Quebec — using existing transmission lines between Ontario and Quebec — can replace more than 75% of the electricity coming from the Darlington Station. Under federal rules, Quebec must offer Ontario power at the same price it charges American customers. Last year, that was about six cents per kilowatt hour — a much better deal than high-cost nuclear.
- Most buildings and factories in Ontario use natural gas to produce heat alone. It is much more efficient to use that natural gas to simultaneously produce heat and electricity. This is what combined heat and power plants do. We need more of these highly efficient, small-scale power plants in shopping malls, hospitals, apartment buildings and factories across Ontario.

THE COST OF POWER PER KILOWATT-HOUR

Energy conservation and efficiency	Combined Heat & Power	Water Power Imports from Quebec	Darlington Nuclear Re-Build
2.3 to 4.6 cents	6 cents	6.5 cents	19 to 37 cents

For more information visit www.CleanAirAlliance.org and download *The Darlington Re-Build Consumer Protection Plan*.

The Ontario Clean Air Alliance is a coalition of health and environmental organizations, faith communities, municipalities, utilities, unions, corporations and individuals working for cleaner air through a coal phase-out and a shift to a renewable electricity future.



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A \$35 BILLION NUCLEAR HANDOUT!

No More
Blank Cheques
for Ontario
Power
Generation
and its
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Nuclear Station



BLOATED NUCLEAR PROJECTS MEAN YOU PAY MORE FOR ELECTRICITY



Ontario consumers need protection from Ontario Power Generation's (OPG's) runaway nuclear spending.

EVERY NUCLEAR PROJECT IN ONTARIO'S HISTORY HAS GONE MASSIVELY OVER BUDGET —

and it's the province's electricity consumers and taxpayers who end up paying the bills. In fact, we are still paying \$1.8 billion per year in debt retirement charges for past nuclear reactor cost overruns.

If OPG is given another blank cheque to re-build its aging reactors at the Darlington Nuclear Station, Ontario's hard working families will once again be on the hook for billions of dollars of cost overruns. According to OPG, re-building Darlington will cost \$8.5 to \$14 billion. However, the actual costs of Ontario's nuclear projects have been, on average, 2.5 times greater than the original cost estimates.

If history repeats itself, the real cost of the Darlington Re-Build project will be \$21 to \$35 billion.

PREMIER MCGUINTY MUST TELL OPG THAT IT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PASS ITS COST OVERRUNS ON TO CONSUMERS OR TAXPAYERS.

Ontario has hundreds of solar, wind, biomass, water power and natural gas-fired generating stations that are owned by individuals, farmers, co-ops, First Nations Communities and private companies. None of these projects are allowed to pass their cost overruns on to consumers and taxpayers. OPG's Darlington Re-Build project should be subject to the same consumer protection rules. It is time to put consumers and taxpayers first!

ACT NOW: SEND THE ATTACHED POSTCARDS TO PREMIER MCGUINTY AND OPPOSITION LEADER TIM HUDAK ASKING THEM TO PROTECT YOU FROM OPG'S COST OVERRUNS.

Some things never change.

The nuclear industry always says it has learned its lessons from past mistakes and that its future projects will be on time and on budget. But try telling that to the citizens of New Brunswick who are watching costs soar and deadlines slip year after year on the refurbishment of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Reactor. Here in Ontario, the refurbishment of reactors at the Bruce Nuclear Station is years late and **\$2 billion over budget** — so far.

**Premier McGuinty -
NO MORE NUCLEAR BAILOUTS!**

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**Mr. Hudak -
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