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Niagara West-Glanbrook Provincial By-Election Questionnaire

Question #1: Do you support Ontario Power Generation's proposal to raise the price of its nuclear electricity by 180% to pay for the continued operation of its money-losing Pickering Nuclear Station and to re-build the Darlington Nuclear Station?

Answer: NO

Additional Comments:

The people of Ontario simply cannot afford to pay for the Liberals plans to waste billions of our tax dollars to rebuild outdated nuclear plants.

Since no nuclear project in Ontario's history has delivered on time or on budget, we are especially concerned that the price increase could be even higher than the proposed 180%.

Question #2: Do you believe that the Pickering Nuclear Station should be closed in 2018 when its licence expires?

Answer: YES

Additional Comments:

Yes, Pickering Nuclear Station should be closed in 2018 when its licence expires. Ontario could save money, increase public safety and create jobs if it closes the Pickering Nuclear Station when its operating licence expires on Aug. 31, 2018.

Pickering is already 15 years past its best before date. It's the fourth oldest nuclear station in North America and the seventh oldest nuclear station in the world. Given its age, it is not surprising that Pickering is one of the most unreliable and poorest performing nuclear plants in North America. Or that is has the highest operating costs of any nuclear station in North America

Question #3: Should the Government of Ontario seek to negotiate a long-term electricity supply contract for Quebec water power which will allow us to cancel the Darlington Re-Build Project and lower our electricity rates?

Answer: YES

Additional Comments:

Yes, the Government of Ontario should seek to negotiate a long-term electricity supply contract for Quebec water power.

We live next door to the world's fourth largest producer of water power -- Quebec. Quebec has a large and growing supply of water power available for export. On average, Quebec water power sells at one third the price of power from Pickering. Why not use this low cost source of clean power to meet possible increases in demand and to cover gaps from the anticipated temporary shut down of the Darlington Nuclear Station?

Ontario can also do more to stretch our energy dollars by investing in energy efficiency measures. The cheapest source of energy is the energy we save. According to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), large industrial energy efficiency programs save electricity at an average cost of 1.5 cents per kWh. Residential, commercial and small industrial energy efficiency programs save electricity at an average cost of 3.5 cents per kWh -- far below OPG's estimate cost of power from Pickering of around nine cents per kWh.

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