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Marc Leblanc  
Commission Secretary  
280 Slater Street, Ottawa ON

Dear Mr. Leblanc,

Thank you for coping me on your response to Ms. Bischoff on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

I would like to share my concerns with the location of the community meeting selected by Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) on OPG's request for a 10 year license extension for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS). As you are aware, the PNGS and the decision to continue operating past its current extension is of the utmost importance to the residents of Pickering and the surrounding communities.

I found the decision to host a meeting on the future of the PNGS in Courtice, Ontario, which is more than 30 kilometres away from the host community, to be extremely shocking and inconsistent with the goal of ensuring that communities most affected can attend and share information.

I therefore read your rationale for this strange meeting location with great interest. Your decision to host this community meeting in Courtice due to no meeting space available in Pickering would seem reasonable. However, knowing that there is an abundance of spaces available for community use throughout Pickering, I found the claim that nothing was available to be surprising. Therefore, I reached out to several locations that would be close to transit, free parking and would meet any accessibility needs.

In fact, the City of Pickering advised that the West Salon in the Pickering Recreation Complex at 1867 Valley Farm Road is available for the entire week of June 25, just as you require. This is the same meeting space that the CNSC has used for previous hearings regarding PNGS. Fortunately, I have been able to hold this space for you with the City of Pickering, and suggest that the CNSC follow up to confirm the booking as quickly as possible. Should you need the contact details to facilitate the booking, please let my office know and we will happily provide the information.

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I trust that you will make this meeting location change as soon as possible and ensure that the host community for PNGS is also the host location for any community meetings regarding its future.

I also suspect changing the location at this time will not be a problem due to that fact that this meeting has not been advertised in any of our local media, or on any Pickering or community websites. The meeting notice is however on OPG's website but extremely difficult to find. It took someone in my office who knew what they were looking for a fair amount of time to find any public advertising and gather the details of this June meeting. Therefore, a change in location shouldn't be too disruptive given there hasn't been much information about this hearing publicized.

I look forward to your reply and feel free to reach out to my office if you require help in booking the Pickering Recreation Complex meeting room.

Yours Sincerely,



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Member of Parliament for Pickering-Uxbridge

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