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2013 Scarborough-Guildwood / Etobicoke-Lakeshore Provincial By-Election Questionnaire

15 July 2013

Question #1: Should Ontario adopt a policy of pursuing all cost-effective energy conservation and efficiency measures *before* spending taxpayer or ratepayer dollars on new electricity generating plants or expanded gas pipelines?

Answer #1: Yes.

Additional Comments:

The Green Party supports a financially- and environmentally-sustainable approach to energy policy. Our plan prioritizes low-cost solutions such as energy efficiency and conservation over new electricity generation plants or expanded gas pipelines.

The GPO supports re-instating the Home Energy Savings Program, which the Liberal government cancelled. The GPO would direct the Ontario Energy Board to approve all cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation programs, and we have pushed the Liberal government to take such action. The GPO also supports legislation that would not allow nuclear companies to pass their cost overruns onto Ontario taxpayers and ratepayers.

Question #2: Should Ontario seek to negotiate a long-term contract with Quebec for hydro-electric imports that can keep our lights on at a lower cost than new or re-built nuclear reactors?

Answer #2: Yes

Additional Comments:

The Green Party has long advocated for Ontario to import existing low cost, clean hydroelectric power from Quebec. The National Energy Board Act entitles us to energy imports from Quebec at the same price that Americans are paying.



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Effective immediately, hydroelectric imports from Quebec could replace up to 75% of the energy generated by the Darlington nuclear reactor at approximately 1/3rd of the price.

The Green Party prioritizes financially-responsible investments in clean, low-cost sources of new generation such as hydroelectricity over new or re-built nuclear reactors. The GPO supports an independent review of the costs and alternatives to building new nuclear reactors. This is especially important since no nuclear project in Ontario's history has come in on time or on budget.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emilia Melara'.

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