UNDERTAKING JTX4.19

Undertaking

TO ADVISE HOW THE PICKERING CLOSURE WILL AFFECT STAFF OCCUPANCY AT WHICH BUILDINGS.

Response

As discussed by Mr. Rubenstein and Mr. Kogan in the exchange leading up to this undertaking (Tr. Tech. Conf., May 10, 2021, pp. 103-105), OPG's planning for the Pickering shutdown and associated downsizing processes is not currently at a stage to enable a precise mapping of the impact that these events would have on staff occupancy at each of the locations identified in Ex. L-D3-01-Society-012, part a), and Ex. JT4.2. As such, in accepting this undertaking, OPG indicated that it would seek to offer any available directional information in responding to this question.

Based on planned staff demand levels by 2026, OPG is able to provide a broad estimate of an overall [redacted] reduction to staffing levels currently assigned to the locations identified in Ex. L-D3-01-Society-012, part a) and Ex. JT4.2 post-Pickering shutdown. Among other factors, this estimated decline in non-plant staff has been considered in assessing the capacity of the new building at Clarington and the business case for the project. Also considered is the expected re-evaluation of the use of certain owned buildings at the Pickering site (outside of the protected area)[1] and the relocation of those staff to the new Clarington Campus following the Pickering shutdown. Pending detailed plans to be developed in the future, such relocation from buildings at the Pickering site would be expected to take place as part of the station's overall transition to the safe storage and decommissioning phase and will be in addition to the discrete buildings identified in Ex. L-D3-01-Society-012 (a) and Ex. JT4.2.

[1] Refer to Ex. JTX4.15 for additional discussion of station site premises outside of the protected area.