

Resolution on Pickering "A" Nuclear Station

WHEREAS the four reactors of the Pickering "A" nuclear station, located on the north shore of Lake Ontario, east of Toronto, are the oldest reactors in Canada, and were shut down at the end of 1997 because of poor performance and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS the proposed re-start of the Pickering "A" nuclear station is currently the subject of a screening level federal environmental assessment which does not provide for a comprehensive review; and

WHEREAS a severe accident at the Pickering "A" nuclear station could have disastrous consequences for the Great Lakes basin, and the current screening review excludes a severe accident with loss of containment; and

WHEREAS the failure to review a severe accident with loss of containment is inconsistent with Ontario Nuclear Emergency Plan; and

WHEREAS the current screening review does not look at renewable energy or conservation alternatives to re-starting the Pickering "A" nuclear station, and does not look at the economic costs of re-start or alternatives to re-start;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) Great Lakes United respectfully requests Canada's Minister of the Environment to appoint an independent panel to review the re-start of the Pickering "A" nuclear station; and

(2) Great Lakes United respectfully requests the Environment Minister to instruct the panel to reconsider the scope of the review, and to include amongst other issues the review of a severe accident with loss of containment, alternative means of generating electricity, and an economic evaluation of the re-start proposal and its alternatives.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES UNITED ON JUNE 4, 2000.


Tim Brown, Secretary