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A Better Energy Plan for Ontario

The Chalk River Branch of the Canadian Nuclear Society is pleased to welcome Mr. Don MacKinnon, President, Power Workers' Union (PWU), at the next Canadian Nuclear Society seminar. The PWU, the largest in Ontario's electricity sector, represents over 15,000 workers employed at generation, transmission and distribution companies.

Don's presentation, "A Better Energy Plan for Ontario" will provide an inside look at the state of electricity policy in Ontario. Don will provide insight into the need for a diverse generation supply mix that includes coal, natural gas, nuclear, hydroelectric and renewable generation in order to ensure that Ontario has a safe, reliable, secure and affordable supply of electricity.

In addition to his position as the current President of the PWU, Don is also a Member of the Board of Directors of Hydro One, Chair, Board of Directors' Health and Safety Committee, Hydro One, Chair, Board of Directors of PWU Training Inc., a Member of the Board of Directors, Canadian Nuclear Association, Co-chair, Corporate Health and Safety Advisory Committee, Ontario Power Generation, Co-chair, Corporate Health and Safety Policy Committee, Bruce Power, and a Member, Minister's Advisory Committee, Ontario Ministry of Energy.

Don began his career at Ontario Hydro in 1971 and is a lineman by trade. His union activism began over 29 years ago and included 11 years as PWU Vice President before becoming the PWU President in 2000. In 1990, he achieved a major milestone in his goal to improve workplace safety when he led the successful PWU thrust to establish the unilateral right to stop unsafe work in all Ontario Hydro workplaces as a substantive method of reducing accident and injury.

Don has a reputation as a skilled and innovative negotiator who uses a mutual gain approach to achieve settlements that address business needs while fully respecting the rights and values of employees. He is recognized as an authority on Ontario's electricity system. Previous government appointments included participation on the Ontario Ministry of Energy Electricity Transition Committee and the Ontario Government Electricity Conservation and Supply Task Force.

The Chalk River Branch of the CNS will also hold its Annual General Meeting on this day. The AGM will start at 7:00 pm and it will include the election of the branch executive for 2007/2008. Several positions are open, and members are encouraged to run. Joining the executive is a great way to participate and make a difference.



Don MacKinnon
President, Power Workers' Union

7:30 PM
Thursday, October 25, 2007
(Annual General Meeting – 7:00 pm)





Bennett / Mackenzie Room, J.L. Gray Centre (Entry via rear security entrance)



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