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Attention:

Blair Batchelor, P.Eng. Deputy Director Fuel Diversification Division Clean Fuels Branch Natural Resources Canada Government of Canada

RE: Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Letter of Support for Atura Power H2-GTA Halton Hills Hydrogen Production Project

Dear Mr. Batchelor,

The purpose of this letter is to document and affirm Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce support for the Atura Power H2-GTA Halton Hills Hydrogen Production Project.

The production and implementation of green and low-carbon hydrogen in heavy emitting industries is central to reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

Atura Power (Atura), a wholly owned subsidiary of Ontario Power Generation (OPG), has set forth a strategy aligned with the published Federal Hydrogen Strategy for Canada and the Ontario Low-Carbon Hydrogen Strategy Discussion Paper. Atura is implementing a lowcarbon and green hydrogen program, with the primary focus being the advancement of this clean technology to help heavy emitting sectors achieve net-zero by 2050. Atura's phased hydrogen plan will begin with commercial demonstration at scale with a variety of heavy emitting industrial partners and build production capacity to enable the Ontario hydrogen consumer base evolves.

This letter supports the application made by Atura to achieve a successful funding award to design, build and operate a 20 MW electrolyzer plant at Atura Power's Halton Hills combined cycle gas turbine plant in Halton Hills, Ontario.

We believe that there exists significant benefits to the development of these clean technology projects within the region, beyond the immediate emissions reduction benefits in that there is both strong job creation and economic development opportunities. Also, it will provide an educational platform for other businesses to better understand the opportunities/advantages that low carbon hydrogen presents. With Atura acting as the catalyst in the advancement and development of the emerging hydrogen economy there is measurable benefit to local residents and citizens of the province of Ontario.

We recognize that low-carbon hydrogen can be used to decarbonize heavy emitting industries and applaud the Government of Canada's Hydrogen Strategy and support to derisk hydrogen projects through the Clean Fuels Fund. This strategy and financial support is enabling Canada's continued leadership in this promising energy vector. Lastly, we understand that while hydrogen for mobility is a nascent market it is a very promising fuel for decarbonizing heavy duty transportation such as trucking, transit buses and trains.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss your support for this project with you at your convenience. Please feel free to contact me at <u>mfrazer@haltonhillschamber.on.ca</u> or **905-877-7119** at your convenience.

Best_regards, Velanie Frazer

Executive Director On behalf of The Board of Directors

CC: Chris Fralick, Atura Power, President David Zekveld, Atura Power, Director – Hydrogen Business Development