

# Notice of Commencement of a Screening and Invitation to a Virtual Public Meeting

## Portlands Energy Centre Upgrades

Atura Power is planning to make efficiency upgrades at its Portlands Energy Centre (PEC).

## Project Description

PEC has operated since 2009 in the City of Toronto on the site of the former Richard L. Hearn Generating Station on Villiers Island. It's capable of outputting 550 megawatts (MW) to Ontario's electricity grid.

The upgrades will be limited to replacing parts of the existing natural gas fired combustion turbines with more efficient parts during a regular maintenance cycle and will result in an increase in output capacity to 600 MW. All upgrades will take place within the existing facility and **there will be no changes or expansion beyond the existing PEC footprint.**

Atura Power is committed to building a resilient electricity grid in Ontario and is working to address the energy supply shortfall, identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator, that Ontario will experience in the near future. The planned efficiency upgrades to PEC are part of Atura Power's efforts to address this supply gap and to make energy production more efficient and affordable.

## Environmental Screening Process

Since the project will result in a 50 MW increase in output capacity of PEC, it's subject to the Environmental Screening Process for Electricity Projects pursuant to Ontario Regulation 116/01, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. This Notice is issued to communicate the start of the Environmental Screening Process.

## Virtual Public Meeting

Atura Power is committed to engaging with Indigenous communities, the public and other interested parties on all our

projects. We invite you to attend an upcoming virtual public meeting to learn more and provide feedback. **You can access the link to join the public meeting on the project webpage.** If you are unable to participate, meeting materials will be posted on the project webpage for review following the meeting.

## Project Contacts

Please email your questions or comments to [portlandsupgrade@aturapower.com](mailto:portlandsupgrade@aturapower.com).

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Comments and information regarding this project are being collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the purpose of meeting environmental assessment requirements.

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