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“A Better Plan” documentary on Ontario’s energy policy premieres 12:30 p.m. EST, 5 November 2005 on Global Television

(Toronto) – Ontario’s largest electricity workers’ union is showing the province its plan for a diverse and secure energy mix using clean power generation technology. The documentary premieres on television this weekend.

“A Better Plan,” a half-hour documentary, features experts, economists, and European energy practitioners demonstrating clean running technologies that have been in use there since the 1990s with Ontarians expressing concern with Ontario’s present energy policy. The documentary will air at the following times:

5 November 2005	Global Television	12:30 p.m.
12 November 2005	Global Television	12:30 p.m.
12 November 2005	CJBN Kenora	6 p.m.
13 November 2005	CKPR Thunder Bay	2 p.m.

“Our polling tells us that 58 per cent of Ontarians are skeptical that the provincial government has a plan to deal with our energy problems,” says Mr. Don MacKinnon, President of the Power Workers’ Union. “This documentary puts a human face on the concerns held by local community and business leaders – as well as other Ontarians – that the present energy policy will either leave us with unaffordable electricity or literally leave us in the dark.”

“A Better Plan” shows another way. It features footage from European countries using clean coal technologies that reduce emissions and increase efficiency. Experts discuss the strength of a strategy that derives electricity from a diversity of sources to ensure stable energy pricing for Ontario consumers and the reduction of energy risks. Kenora Mayor David Canfield tells of the economic threat to his constituents and how a change in energy policy would improve Northern Ontario’s economy.

“We hope that ‘A Better Plan’ will make Ontarians think, and become active in the energy debate,” comments Mr. MacKinnon. “Ontario has the choice to make its energy supply more efficient, more diverse and less reliant on the fluctuations of the international market. But for that to happen, Queen’s Park must rethink its energy policy.”

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The Power Workers' Union believes that Ontarians require an energy supply that derives electricity from a number of sources, including clean coal, hydroelectric and nuclear, along with renewable options. The PWU's better plan – (www.abetterplan.ca) – also includes a review of the province's natural gas strategy, investment in green power and the promotion of energy efficiency. This approach will guarantee the people of Ontario, and the businesses that operate here, an affordable, clean and secure supply of energy all year round.

The Power Workers' Union is the largest electricity union in Ontario, representing employees in electricity generation, transmission, distribution, regulations, and research and development.

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