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Power Workers' Union commends conservation initiatives but calls on Ontario government to install clean coal technologies as part of balanced energy plan

(Toronto) – Ontario's largest electricity workers' union commends the Ontario government on its conservation initiatives but is calling on the government to install clean coal technologies to ensure that the province has a reliable supply of clean energy at a reasonable cost.

"It's laudable that the Ontario government is making conservation a priority," remarks Mr. Don MacKinnon, President of the Power Workers' Union (PWU). "From our perspective, it is equally important to ensure that the province has an adequate energy supply as part of a balanced and credible energy plan."

Research submitted by PWU to the Ontario Power Authority shows that Ontario could save \$11 billion over the next 20 years if Ontario upgrades existing coal-fuelled plants with clean coal technology instead of replacing them with natural gas.

"Without balancing a 'conservation culture' with a credible energy supply strategy, the whole energy plan is seriously flawed," continues Mr. MacKinnon. "Ontario's energy planning must ensure cost effective, clean, sustainable, and reliable electricity derived from a diversity of sources. A commitment to retrofitting Ontario's coal plants with proven clean coal technologies is an essential part of a balanced plan."

The PWU has sponsored "A Better Plan," a half-hour documentary, featuring experts, economists and European energy practitioners demonstrating clean running technologies that in use there since the 1990s and Ontarians' concerns about Ontario's current energy policy. The documentary will air at the following times:

Date	TV station	Time
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.

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 other economical 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.

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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