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Dear Sister and Brothers:

The year 2012 ended on a bad note for the 700 CUPE members who work at the Gentilly-2 nuclear power station.

After the recent provincial elections, the new Government announced the closing of Gentilly-2, to take place on December 28, 2012. In an uncertain economic situation that characterizes all of Québec and especially this particular region, it's difficult to understand this announcement, only one week after the election. This hasty decision will have a major impact upon CUPE members and their families, in addition to creating a void in the local economy.

When a plant employing some 800 people closes down amidst total indifference, our immediate reaction is one of confusion. These workers are living through a great deal of uncertainty with regard to their future, whether it be in their region or elsewhere in the Province of Quebec.

Please know that CUPE National joins with CUPE Quebec and our staff in expressing our solidarity with all Hydro Quebec members.

In solidarity,

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