

A message from...the Utility Rates Review Council

Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) has filed an application for approval of a Major Project Permit Application with the Minister Responsible for QEC to replace generator sets (Gensets) in the communities of Baker Lake, Rankin Inlet and Iqaluit. QEC submitted that Genset replacements are required for capacity increases to address growing community power needs and to replace old, obsolete and unreliable units. QEC stated the proposed upgrades align with QEC's mandate to provide a safe, reliable, and cost-effective power supply and to support the continued growth of the communities.

QEC is proposing:

- Baker Lake – replace the 550 kW unit G4 with a new higher capacity 1,100 kW unit
- Rankin Inlet – replace the 1,450 kW unit G5 with a new higher capacity 3,500 kW unit, and replace the 2,150 kW unit G6 with a new higher capacity 4,400 kW unit
- Iqaluit – replace the 3,000 kW unit G1 with a new 3,000 kW unit
- In addition to the Genset replacements, each of the projects requires various upgrades and other new equipment in the power plants to address reliability and safety issues.

The total cost to complete the four Genset replacements is forecast to be \$33.926 million. This would result in an estimated \$2,924 million increase in the revenue requirement and a 1.58 cents/kWh increase in the territory-wide rates. QEC noted that the projects are expected to be completed by the 2025/26 fiscal year for Baker Lake and Rankin Inlet and 2026/27 for Iqaluit. QEC stated that rates would not be adjusted until subsequent General Rate Application(s).

The URRC would like to hear views from residents and businesses respecting this Application.

**The deadline for written submissions is:
5 p.m. (EST) November 21, 2024.**

The QEC application can be found www.qec.nu.ca or upon request through either the URRC or QEC.

Submissions can be sent to: Email – URRC@gov.nu.ca
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