

A message from the Utility Rates Review Council (URRC)

The URRC received an application from Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) on July 23, 2025 for approval of a new standby service and the associated rate, connection/disconnection fee and terms and conditions of service (T&Cs). The application was forwarded by the Minister Responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation for the URRC's review and recommendation.

The Application

In its application QEC requested approval, from the Minister Responsible, of:

- The proposed standby rate structure
 - o A monthly demand charge of \$48/kW applied to the nominated standby load to be charged when the customer is not connected to QEC's grid. When connected to the grid, normal demand charges will apply.
 - o Normal energy charges will apply when the customer is connected to QEC's grid.
- Recovery of the cost of making the connection/disconnection by way of a time and materials invoice (TMI) that is specific to the actual cost for each standby power customer.
- revisions to QEC's Terms and Conditions of Service (T&Cs).
- the rate, use of TMI fees and revised T&Cs will be effective when Ministerial Instruction is issued with respect to the application.

QEC requested approval of a standby service for self-generation customers who rely on QEC's grid for backup power supply when they are not supplying their own electricity. QEC submitted that the standby service will be applied to commercial customers only, who generate their own electricity but rely on the utility grid for backup when self-generation falls short. The QEC grid will also be a secondary source when self-generation is not available due to weather, maintenance or emergency repairs or other unplanned outages.

QEC submitted that the objectives for the standby service are to provide a clear understanding of the proposed rate, connection/disconnection fee and T&C, while avoiding the transfer of costs (i.e. rate increases) to other customers from potentially under-recovering the full cost to serve standby customers.

QEC provided a review and comparison of the standby practices used by other Canadian jurisdictions. QEC also provided its assessment of two options it considered before making its application for the new service.

Process

The URRC's consideration of the Standby service application will include an information request/response process with QEC to enable the URRC to better understand the proposed rate, connection/disconnection fee and T&C. The URRC would also like to hear views from QEC customers and interested parties respecting this Application, if any. The URRC will consider written submissions about the GRA application as well as QEC's responses to those submissions.

The deadline for written submissions is: 5 p.m. (EST) September 8, 2025.

The URRC is an arm's-length board that gives advice to the Government of Nunavut about rates levied by utilities.