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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. It is to upgrade the feeder distribution system that will interconnect the new Cambridge Bay power plant to the community. QEC is in the process of building a new power plant which is expected to come into service in 2029. The proposed upgrades to the distribution system are anticipated to be completed by the 2029/30 fiscal year.

In its application, QEC explains that it reviewed several options for connecting the new power plant to the existing system. The main goal was to choose the option that would reduce energy losses and maintain a stable voltage on the power.

The proposed project involves building a new substation on the north side of Cambridge Bay, installing new transformers, and adding new power lines. These lines will connect the new power plant to the substation and link the substation to the existing power lines in town, using both overhead lines and underground cables. QEC says these upgrades will help provide safe, reliable, and affordable electricity for Cambridge Bay and support the operation of the new power plant.

The total cost to complete the distribution system upgrades is forecast to be $11.567 million. This would result in an estimated $0.946 million increase in the revenue requirement and a 0.46 cents/kWh increase in the territory-wide rates. QEC stated that rates would not be adjusted until after the project is completed, in a 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) March 16, 2026.

The QEC application can be found at **www.qec.nu.ca** or upon request through either the URRC or QEC. Submissions can be sent to: email – **URRC@gov.nu.ca** Executive Director of the URRC.

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