



News Release

URRC Extends Time for Public Input

IQALUIT, Nunavut, July 26, 2005 – Energy Minister Edward Picco has asked for and received an extension from the Utility Rates Review Council (URRC) to enable more public input into a Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) application for a capital stabilization fund.

“I heard from the business community, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and Nunavummiut in general that more time is needed to review and respond to the proposal for a capital rider. We’re listening and we’re responding by asking for an extension,” said Picco.

Under the direction of the Minister of Energy the URRC has agreed to extend the deadline for public input to Aug. 31, 2005 from Aug. 5, 2005. This means the URRC now has until Sept. 29, 2005 to report back to the minister on the QEC application.

With the capital rider QEC is responding to a URRC recommendation from an earlier General Rate Application by the corporation.

The application for a capital rider can be found on www.nunavutpower.com and is also available at hamlet mayors’ offices.

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

Nunavummiut can send written submissions to the URRC about the application. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m.(Eastern) Aug. 31 2005. Submissions can be sent to:

Email -- URRC@gov.nu.ca

Address – Secretary of URRC, Box 1000, Stn 200, Iqaluit, NU, X0A 0H0

-30-

Media Contact:

Nino Wischnewski

GN Communications

(867) 975-6001