



1. Statement of Policy

The Government of the Northwest Territories will ensure that safe, reliable and affordable electricity will be available through a territory-wide electricity system that is efficient, reflects the essential nature of electricity services for Northwest Territories communities and promotes energy conservation.

2. Principles

The Government of the Northwest Territories will adhere to the following principles when implementing this Policy:

- (1) Northwest Territories communities, community residents and businesses should have a comparable level of access to affordable electricity services.
- (2) Electricity rates should be established through a transparent public process.
- (3) Community electricity services benefit from an efficient and unified territory-wide system that maximizes economies of scale.

3. Scope

This Policy applies to all departments of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

4. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Policy:

Electricity rate zone – a zone, defined by the type of electricity generated and established by the Public Utilities Board of the Northwest Territories, in which the cost of service and the electricity rates charged are the same for each customer.

Residential electricity consumers – as defined by the Public Utilities Board of the Northwest Territories.

Yellowknife reference rate – is comprised of the energy charge and applicable electricity rate riders at the time of the electricity bill.



5. Authority and Accountability

(1) General

This Policy is issued under the authority of the Executive Council. The authority to make exceptions and approve revisions to this Policy rests with the Executive Council. Authority and accountability is further defined as follows:

(a) Minister

The Minister of Finance is accountable to the Executive Council for the implementation of this Policy.

(b) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister of Finance is accountable to the Minister of Finance for the administration of this Policy.

(2) Specific

(a) Minister

The Minister of Finance:

- (i) will ensure the Territorial Power Subsidy is paid in accordance with the provisions of this Policy; and
- (ii) may recommend to the Executive Council any actions the Minister thinks necessary to the implementation of this Policy.

6. Provisions

(1) Territorial Power Subsidy

Residential electricity consumers in each community will be subsidized an amount equal to the difference between the residential electricity rate for their electricity rate zone and the Yellowknife reference rate for electricity consumption up to:

- (a) 1,000 kilowatt hour per billing for a maximum of seven billing periods annually, and



- (b) 600 kilowatt hour per billing for a maximum of five billing periods annually.

(2) Prerogative of Executive Council

Nothing in this Directive shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Executive Council to make decisions or take actions respecting electricity subsidy contribution outside the provisions of this Policy.



Premier and Chairman of the
Executive Council