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## **New policy allows development of community-based energy projects**

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government announced the adoption of the Independent Power Production policy at the Opportunities North conference today. The policy allows private producers to generate electricity, connect to the grid and sell power to local utilities.

"As part of the Yukon Energy Strategy, the Yukon government committed to developing a policy to purchase electricity from private producers," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said. "Through our Independent Power Production policy, communities, First Nations and entrepreneurs can develop new energy options now and into the future."

The policy provides opportunities for non-utility entities to generate new electricity that can assist in meeting the demand for energy.

"This policy supports the participation of new independent power producers while respecting the integrity of the existing electrical system," Kent added. "It promotes a diversified supply to meet Yukon's needs, and encourages the development of community-based projects."

Over the next year, the Yukon government will be working with ATCO Electric Yukon, the Yukon Energy Corporation and the Yukon Development Corporation to develop regulations, standards and purchase rates.

The Independent Power Production policy is part of the Government of Yukon's larger efforts to support strategic investments in infrastructure to increase and diversify the supply of electricity from renewable sources.

### **Learn more:**

Independent Power Production policy

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