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Local renewable energy to supplement electrical generation in Yukon

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government announced today the launch of its Micro-generation Production Incentive program. The program enables individuals to connect their renewable electrical generation systems to the grid.

"The Yukon government is pleased to be working in partnership with the Yukon Energy Corporation and the Yukon Electrical Company Ltd. to implement this initiative and encourage the generation of new sources of green energy," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said.

Both utility service providers developed and recently implemented the interconnection standards to establish uniform requirements for operational, safety and maintenance reasons.

The government's Micro-generation Production Incentive program allows customers who produce energy from renewable energy sources to be compensated annually for feeding surplus power to the grid. The incentive rate for surplus electricity will be set at \$0.21 per kilowatt-hour for hydro communities and \$0.30 per kilowatt-hour in diesel-dependent communities.

"The micro-generation initiative supports diversifying energy sources in Yukon while promoting energy conservation and efficiency," Minister of Environment Currie Dixon said. "It also addresses key commitments found in the government's Energy Strategy for Yukon and Climate Change Action Plan."

Participants from either hydro or diesel-dependent communities will receive financial payment for surplus electricity sold to Yukon's utilities.

This incentive program implements the micro-generation policy announced in October 2013.

Learn more

Application package, interconnection requirements and agreement: www.energy.gov.yk.ca

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