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Micro-generation policy diversifies Yukon's electrical energy supply

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government has released its new micro-generation policy that will provide opportunities for locally-generated and renewably-sourced electricity.

"The micro-generation policy is one more step towards the goals outlined in the Energy Strategy," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said. "It helps diversify Yukon's electrical supply by providing incentives for individuals to become part of the energy supply solution."

Growing out of an initiative referred to as net metering, the micro-generation policy enables individuals to connect their renewable electrical generation systems to the grid. Participants from either hydro or diesel-dependent communities will receive financial payment for surplus electricity sold to Yukon's utilities.

"With this policy, only renewable energy sources of electricity will be purchased," Kent added. "This supports key goals found in the Climate Change Action Plan and the Yukon government's overall efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

Over the next three months, Yukon's utilities will develop interconnection standards and template agreements.

Development of a complementary Independent Power Production (IPP) policy is also underway and will be released for public review. The IPP policy proposes to allow larger scale generation of electricity for sale to the utilities.

Individuals interested in connecting renewable energy sources to the grid can register with the Yukon government at www.energy.gov.yk.ca.

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