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Q&A – QEC Standby Power Rate Application

1. What is QEC applying for?

Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) is asking for approval to introduce a **standby power rate**. This rate would apply only to commercial customers who produce their own electricity but still require QEC to provide backup power when their system is not generating their own electricity.

2. What is standby power?

Standby power is the electricity QEC that provides only when a self-generating customer's system is not producing enough power, such as during maintenance, bad weather, or emergencies.

3. Will this increase my electricity bill?

No. If you are a regular QEC customer and do not produce your own power, this will not affect your bill. The standby rate is only for customers who both generate their own electricity and use QEC for backup.

4. Who would pay the standby rate?

The standby rate will not be applied to regular residential and commercial customers.

Only commercial customers who:

- Generate their own electricity (e.g., through solar, wind, or other systems), and
 - Remain connected to QEC's grid for backup supply.
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5. Why is QEC proposing this new rate?

When self-generation customers stay connected for backup power, QEC must keep its plants and power lines ready to meet the community's **peak electricity needs**, including those of its self-generation customers. This service has costs involved.

The standby rate ensures:

- *Fairness* – Other customers won't have to cover these costs.
- *Transparency* – Customers can see the rate before deciding on self-generation with backup.

6. How will the standby rate be set?

QEC reviewed similar rates used by other Canadian utilities. The proposed rate reflects the **full cost** of maintaining the ability to supply power instantly when needed by standby customers.

7. Who decides if the standby rate is approved?

The Minister responsible for QEC will make the final decision after reviewing advice from the Utility Rates Review Council (URRC).

8. How can I share my opinion on this proposal?

The URRRC is accepting public feedback until **5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2025**.

Email: URRC@gov.nu.ca

For more details and the whole application, please visit: www.qec.nu.ca → *Customer Care* → *Customer Rates*.

9. When would the standby rate start?

If approved, the standby rate would take effect on a date set by QEC and the Minister. This date will be shared publicly.