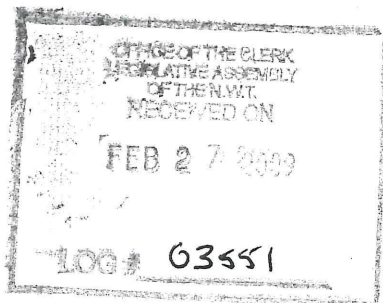




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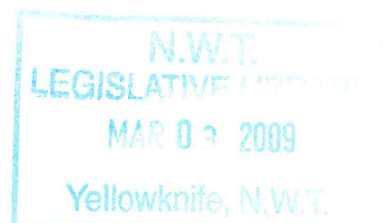
**Response to Petition 5-16(3)**

Attached is the Response to Petition 5-16(3), tabled by Mr. Kevin Menicoche on February 9, 2009.

  
Floyd K. Roland

Attachment

- c. Mr. Kevin O'Keefe  
Legislative Coordinator



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Response by the Honourable Floyd Roland  
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## NWT Electrical Power Rates

The Government of the Northwest Territories believes that reliable and affordable energy should be available in all communities; and regulatory processes related to the development and provision of energy in the NWT should be simply structured and as efficient as possible, while maintaining transparency and accountability. For this reason, we have initiated the Review of Electricity Regulation, Rates and Subsidy Programs. Community consultation is a critical part of the review process and will start on March 4, 2009, in Inuvik. The Review will consider the implications of simplifying the current rate structure, and this will include consideration of a single rate for all communities. It will also look at other means of ensuring that all communities have access to reliable and affordable energy, such as through enhanced subsidy programs and potential changes to the structure of the electricity sector.

Below is the current schedule for public discussions:

COMMUNITY	DATE	TIME
Inuvik	March 4, 2009	7 - 9PM
Non-Tax Community Workshop	March 31, 2009	8:30AM - 5PM
Norman Wells	April 1, 2009	7 - 9PM
Fort Simpson	April 8, 2009	7 - 9PM
Hay River	April 21, 2009	7 - 9PM
Fort Smith	April 22, 2009	7 - 9PM
Yellowknife	April 23, 2009	7 - 9PM

\*For more information on the non-tax based community workshop, visit [www.nwtac.com](http://www.nwtac.com).

\*\* Dates to be confirmed

For additional information on the Electricity Review visit [www.nwtenergy.ca](http://www.nwtenergy.ca).