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Yukon Chamber of Commerce Supports the Utilities Board Decision Approving the Whitehorse Backup Generator Conversion to LNG - Fueled Units

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The Yukon Chamber of Commerce (YCC) applauds the decision of Yukon Utilities Board approving Yukon Energy's plan to convert its backup diesel generators in Whitehorse to liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Mr. Rich Thompson, Interim Chair of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce commented, "the decision by the Yukon Utilities Board approving conversion of backup generators to LNG best allows Yukon Energy to deliver on its mandate to provide reliable and economical backup generation capabilities for all Yukoners. Current and forecasted costs for natural gas are expected to result in savings to residential and industrial customers as compared to oil - fired diesel generator costs. And LNG is a relatively clean fuel source as contrasted to the current diesel generated power."

Mr. Kevin Brewer, Interim Chair of the YCC Energy Committee added, "every winter Yukoners demand for electricity exceeds our maximum current capabilities to generate hydroelectric power. So it is critical that we have a reliable, economical, on-demand electrical backup generation system. This backup capability will provide us with a cleaner burning bridge solution as we move towards the construction of Yukon's next hydroelectric power plant. Given the anticipated long lead time required to develop new, large-scale energy generation options. YCC recognizes the need for an interim backup energy generation solution to ensure that Yukon businesses and consumers have adequate and reliable supplies of electrical energy during peak demand periods."

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