

**GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES RESPONSE  
 TO MOTION 3-17(3):  
INCREASED SUPPORT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

**Motion**

That the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) reinstate funding at least equivalent to the budgets devoted by the 16th Assembly for programming in support of renewable energy generation and more efficient use of energy;

AND FURTHER, that comprehensive planning and implementation of new hydro generation and grid connections be reinstated towards the achievement of both reduced and stabilized power costs, and expansion of hydro zones to communities currently relying on diesel generation of electricity;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government provide a response to this motion within 120 days.

**GNWT Response**

Through the Ministerial Energy Coordinating and Climate Change Committee, the GNWT has identified a number of new initiatives as listed below.

Department	Project	2012-13 Main Estimates Target Adjustment
ITI	Energy Plan Charrette: Contribution to the NWT Association of Communities	\$50,000
ITI / NT Energy	NWT Power System Plan	\$150,000
	Whati Transmission Line Design	\$185,000
	Fort Providence Transmission Line Prefeasibility Study	\$50,000
ENR	Behchoko community Biomass Boiler Installation	\$100,000
	Fort McPherson Community Biomass Heating System	\$100,000
	Fort Resolution Community Biomass Heating System	\$100,000
	Inuvik and Norman Wells Biomass Conversion Support	\$100,000
	Alternative Energy Technology Program: Focus on Biomass and Solar	\$200,000
	Utility Scale Solar PV in NWT communities	\$250,000
	Solar Project Monitoring and Solar Strategy Development	\$30,000

<b>Department</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>2012-13 Main Estimates Target Adjustment</b>
Finance / NT Housing Corp	Public Housing: Solar Panel Installation in Inuvik	\$85,000
PWS	Energy Efficiency Upgrades: Grandfather Ayah School, Deline	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,700,000</b>

This allocation is short-term in nature and intended to provide an immediate response to the motion. Long-term funding for energy initiatives will be considered through the development of the 2013 Northwest Territories Energy Plan. This process will include the development and release of a Discussion Paper in October 2012, hosting of an 'Energy Charrette' to engage stakeholders in November 2012, and the release of the completed Energy Plan in March 2013.

The input of Members of the Legislative Assembly in the development of the Energy Plan and future funding is valued and has been encouraged through correspondence to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure.