

## ELECTRICITY RATES IN NUNAVIK

**Kuuujuaq, October 22, 2019** – The Kativik Regional Government and Makivik Corporation are glad with the recent decision of the Quebec Energy Board to increase the daily consumption limit from 30 to 40 kWh per day, as it has been the case in the rest of the province for the past few years. In addition, the Energy Board also canceled the proposed annual increase of 8% on the 2<sup>nd</sup> rate (consumption over the daily limit), which was specifically applied in Nunavik.

Both measures will come into force December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

Since 2015, KRG and Makivik have lobbied the Energy Board to maintain the equity of Nunavimmiut with the South and these efforts have proven successful.

These decisions will have a positive impact on private homeowners who will see their bills drastically reduced if they exceed the original daily limit. The majority of Nunavimmiut, living in social housing, will not directly see the impacts of this decision since their electricity consumption is already accounted for in their rent.

KRG and Makivik also welcome the request from the Energy Board to Hydro-Québec to continue working on energy efficiency programs and measures for the region.

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*Makivik Corporation is the Land Claims Organization mandated to manage the heritage funds of the Inuit of Nunavik provided for under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. Makivik's role includes the administration and investment of these funds and the promotion of economic growth by providing assistance for the creation of Inuit-operated businesses in Nunavik. Makivik promotes the preservation of Inuit culture and language as well as the health, welfare, relief of poverty, and education of Inuit in the communities.*