



Honourable Joelle Kaernek
Minister responsible for Qulliq Energy Corporation

September 25, 2023

Minister’s Mandate

Dear Minister Kaernek,

As Premier of Nunavut, I am writing to confirm your mandate as **Minister responsible for Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC)**.

We have agreed that through the QEC Board of Directors, you are accountable for the full range of activities undertaken by the Corporation, including:

- Providing oversight to the Corporation in the provision of safe, reliable, and efficient electricity and planning for long-term affordable energy for Nunavummiut; and
- Undertaking specific priority actions and initiatives to enable and support the achievement of our government’s mandate, Katujjiluta.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

Katujjiluta represents a set of actions and initiatives in five priority areas:

- Aging with dignity in Nunavut;
- Expanding the housing continuum;
- Enabling health and healing;
- Reinvesting in education; and
- Diversifying our local economies.

We have taken an integrated approach to our priorities, so no department or territorial corporation has lead accountability for all actions in a priority area.

We have agreed that you are accountable for leading the priority actions and initiatives identified below. This includes ensuring aligned and coordinated action across the Government of Nunavut and with our partners, where appropriate.

As a top priority, you have agreed to undertake immediate action on the following:

- Continue QEC's Inuit Career Development Program and implement the Inuit Apprenticeship Program (2022-23 and ongoing);
- Initiate mandatory Respectful Workplace training and follow-up training in related areas (2022-23);
- Establish a Customer Care Priority Access Policy to serve Elders/ seniors and other vulnerable groups (2022-23);
- Implement the Distribution Standard Development to reduce distribution and transmission loss in the Arctic environment (2022-2026); and
- Build new power plants with sustainable infrastructure to address the changing Arctic climate in Kugluktuk, Cambridge Bay, Igloolik, and Gjoa Haven (2022-2027).

To help guide the future actions of our government, you have agreed to:

- Research and implement PV and BESS technology to incorporate intermittent renewable energy generation and energy storage system in conventional thermal generation (2022-2025).

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

In addition to the mandate priorities listed above, you are also accountable as:

- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Expanding Housing and Infrastructure

WORKING TOGETHER

Katujjiluta is more than the title of our mandate. It is a guiding principle that emphasizes a fundamental shift in how we will work together to achieve the promise of Nunavut. As you address your priorities, I am confident that we will:

- **Work within Cabinet and with Regular Members** to implement our shared mandate;
- **Extend and strengthen partnerships** with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Regional Inuit Organizations to leverage our resources towards a common cause;
- **Build capacity and support increased and enhanced Inuit employment** in the public service; and
- **Demonstrate Inuit societal values and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit** in action to achieve real and lasting change.

Through the QEC Board of Directors, your Deputy Head is accountable for assisting you to meet your commitments and fulfill the responsibilities of your portfolio. You are responsible for providing clear expectations to the Chair of the Board of Directors, including expectations for collaboration and partnerships within and beyond the Government of Nunavut.

I am proud and excited to work with you in developing enduring partnerships and taking coordinated and collaborative action that will improve the daily lives of Nunavummiut and lay strong foundations for our future.

Sincerely,



P.J. Akeeagok
Premier of Nunavut

cc. Jimi Onalik, Deputy Minister and Cabinet Secretary, Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs