

# ELECTRICITY TEAM BIOGRAPHIES

Minister Bob McLeod has appointed a three-person panel to lead the Government of the Northwest Territories discussion on electricity regulation, rates and subsidy programs.

**MARK CLEVELAND** - Mark Cleveland has over thirty years of public policy experience in the north, with most of those years at a senior level. Mr. Cleveland's experience includes six years as President of Arctic (Aurora) College and ten years as a Deputy Minister in the Departments of Education, Culture and Employment, Health and Social Services, Executive, as well as serving as the Secretary to the Financial Management Board of Cabinet and Comptroller General for the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Cleveland is well-known for vision, commitment to innovation, and his dedication to the north. His knowledge of NWT communities and experience in building sustainable communities was gained through many years of working closely with community and territorial organizations. Mr. Cleveland has been responsible for conceiving, organizing and managing a wide range of organizational and program change initiatives and this experience will be critical in the public discussions for the Electricity Review.

**DOUG MATTHEWS** – Doug Matthews has been involved for over 30 years in northern resource development with experience in each of the mining, petroleum, pipeline and electricity sectors of the Northwest Territories economy.

Mr. Matthews spent twenty-five years with the GNWT, living in Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and Yellowknife; has worked with most communities in the NWT; and has sought to resolve energy issues with groups ranging from hamlet councils to committees of the United States Senate.

Mr. Matthews is keenly aware of the challenges facing northerners, including first-hand experience with the high cost of living in our communities and the need for northern control of our energy future.

**G. D. (Gerry) FORREST** – G. D. (Gerry) Forrest is a professional public administrator who has been involved in the Canadian Federal, Provincial and Municipal Public policy and Energy Regulatory arena for nearly four decades, the last 15 years in the energy regulatory sector. Mr. Forrest's career path includes roles as Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, Urban Affairs and Rural Development and former Chair and CEO of the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba.

Mr. Forrest has become a nationally and internationally recognized expert in the field of public administration and public utility regulation and has served as a university Guest Lecturer and conference/workshop speaker across Canada and the United States. In 2003 through USAID and the World Bank, he was invited to make a presentation on the regulation and organization of Public Utilities to the senior administrators from a number of third world countries including Nepal, Bhutan, India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Mr. Forrest has been recently engaged by the Province of Saskatchewan to update their regulatory system and the Northwest Territories will gain from his vast national and international experience.