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Asked of: Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Minister responsible for Qulliq Energy Corporation

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Date: July 21, 2021

Subject: Employment of Journeypersons and Apprentices

Question: For the fiscal years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021:

- Broken down by trade, how many journeypersons were employed by the corporation?
- Broken down by trade, how many apprentices were employed by the corporation?
- What was the vacancy rate for journeyperson and apprentice positions within the corporation during this period?

Response:

Journeyperson Position Title	2018-2019			Trade Vacancy	Apprentices	Apprentice Vacancy*
	Total	Filled	Vacant			
Heavy Equipment Technician	9	8	1	11%	0	0%
Power System Electricians	8	6	2	25%	0	0%
Powerline Technicians	11	10	1	9%	0	0%
Facilities Coordinator	2	2	0	0%	0	0%
Fleet Service Technician	1	1	0	0%	0	0%
Partsperson - Materials Technician	1	1	0	0%	0	0%

2019-2020						
Journeyperson Position Title	Total	Filled	Vacant	Trade Vacancy	Apprentices	Apprentice Vacancy*
Heavy Equipment Technician	8	6	2	25%	0	0%
Power System Electricians	8	8	0	0%	0	0%
Powerline Technicians	11	9	2	18%	0	0%
Facilities Coordinator	2	2	0	0%	0	0%
Fleet Service Technician	1	1	0	0%	0	0%
Partsperson – Materials Technician	1	1	0	0%	0	0%

2020-2021						
Journeyperson Position Title	Total	Filled	Vacant	Trade Vacancy	Apprentices	Apprentice Vacancy*
Heavy Equipment Technician	8	7	1	13%	0	0%
Power System Electricians	8	7	1	13%	0	0%
Powerline Technicians	11	9	2	18%	0	0%
Facilities Coordinator	2	2	0	0%	0	0%
Fleet Service Technician	1	1	0	0%	0	0%
Partsperson - Materials Technician	1	1	0	0%	0	0%

*QEC has previously employed apprentices in multiple trades but does not currently have designated apprentice positions. Therefore, QEC cannot provide vacancy rates for apprentices.

Question: How did staffing issues (e.g. turnover and recruitment) for journeypersons impact the operations of the corporation during the above-noted fiscal years

Response:

QEC maintains relatively low vacancy rates across its various indeterminate trade positions. With the exception of short periods where a position may be undergoing recruitment, staffing issues within trade positions do not significantly affect QEC's operations.