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YUKON TO ADOPT EXTENDED DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTING MARCH 2007

WHITEHORSE – Premier Dennis Fentie announced that Yukon will join other jurisdictions in adopting the daylight saving time extension.

“The Government of Yukon has decided to incorporate the time extension in order to best align ourselves with our business partners in Canada and the United States,” Fentie said. “The Yukon government evaluated the options of adopting the new daylight saving time and recognized the need to minimize disruptions associated with business activities, including travel and telecommunications.”

The United States Congress adopted a provision in the American *Energy Policy Act* to extend daylight hours as an energy-saving measure. So far British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have accepted and agreed to implement the new time change.

The new extension means daylight saving time will be in effect for an extra month each year – beginning the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November. Starting in 2007, Yukoners will put their clocks ahead an hour on March 11 and set their clocks behind an hour on November 4.

Synchronizing with the extended daylight saving time period will minimize impacts on banking and business transactions. This is especially important for telecommunications and scheduled transportation services including airlines, ferries and buses that make connections with other jurisdictions in Canada and the United States.

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