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Interview opportunity on provincial energy ministers' meeting in St. Andrews by-the-Sea, NB

WHAT: Provincial energy ministers are holding a three-day meeting **18 - 20 September 2005** at the Fairmont Algonquin Hotel, in St. Andrews by-the-Sea, New Brunswick to discuss energy and mining issues.

The **Power Workers' Union** (PWU) will be available to comment on how these discussions relate to providing an affordable, secure supply of electricity for Canadian businesses and consumers.

WHO: **Don MacKinnon**, PWU President

WHEN: Before, during and after the provincial meeting

WHERE: Interviews can be arranged from Toronto, ON

BACKGROUND: In August, the PWU reacted positively to New Brunswick Premier Bernard Lord's call for a comprehensive nuclear energy strategy for Canada.

In light of the electricity shortages this summer, and the rising price of natural gas, the PWU is also calling on the Ontario government to rethink its plan to close coal-fueled electricity generation plants in Ontario. PWU maintains it would be more cost effective to maintain coal in the energy mix by retrofitting existing plants with cleaner technology.

The Power Workers' Union is the largest electricity union in Ontario, representing employees in electricity generation, transmission, distribution, regulations, and research and development.

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Bio and photo are available upon request

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