

**IN THE MATTER OF the Public Utilities Act
Revised Statutes of Yukon, 2002, c. 186, as amended**

and

**An Application by Yukon Electrical Company Limited
for Approval of Revenue Requirements for 2008 and 2009**

BEFORE: W. Shanks, Chair) May 16, 2008
 R. Laking)
 R. Hancock)
 J. Woodland)

BOARD ORDER 2008-4

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 30, 2008, Yukon Electrical Company Limited (YECL) filed with the Yukon Utilities Board (Board) an Application, pursuant to the *Public Utilities Act* and *Order-In-Council 1995/90*, requesting an Order approving forecast revenue requirements for the 2008 and 2009 test years and approval of certain deferral accounts (General Rate Application or Application).
- B. The Application also requests approval of an Interim Refundable Rate Rider, Rider R, and Temporary Refund/Surcharge Rider, Rider G, commencing July 1, 2008, applicable to all YECL and Yukon Energy Corporation retail customers excluding Secondary Energy Rate 32 and Industrial Primary Rate 39 (Interim Application).
- C. The General Rate Application proposes a revenue requirement of \$46,660,000 for 2008 and \$47,902,000 for 2009, representing increases over revenues from existing rates and riders of \$2,200,000 or 5.9 percent for 2008, and \$4,130,000 or 5.1 percent for 2009, excluding fuel prices.
- D. The General Rate Application seeks approval to continue deferral accounts to reflect flow through of costs for Purchased Power and Fuel Prices, and to continue the deferral account for the Diesel Contingency Fund.
- E. The General Rate Application also proposes new deferral accounts to cover potential increased fuel costs associated with Pelly Crossing (Increased Fuel Costs Associated with Pelly Crossing Deferral Account) and a deferral account to cover potential changes in income tax rates (Income Tax Rate Variance Deferral Account).

- F. The General Rate Application also requests that certain affiliate costs be held as placeholders until such time as the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) rules on these costs as part of the benchmarking process before the AUC respecting ATCO I-Tek Ltd. and ATCO I-Tek Business Services Ltd., an affiliate of ATCO Electric Ltd.
- G. The Board has reviewed the Application and requires that a Pre-Hearing Conference and Hearing process be established.

NOW THEREFORE the Board orders as follows:

- 1. A Pre-Hearing Conference into the Application will commence at 10:00 a.m. on June 12, 2008, at the Gold Rush Inn, Town Hall, 411 Main Street, Whitehorse, Yukon.
- 2. Parties intending to participate in the Pre-Hearing Conference and subsequent hearing process, or who wish to receive documentation only, are to register in writing with the Board Secretary no later than June 5, 2008, indicating the nature of their interest.
- 3. The following process schedule is proposed for the General Rate Application and will be finalized after submissions at the Pre-Hearing Conference:

Action	Date (2008)
Intervenors register with the Board	June 5
Pre-Hearing Conference	June 12
Information Requests to YECL	June 30
Information Responses from YECL	July 28
Intervenor Evidence	August 18
Information Requests to Intervenors	September 2
Information Responses from Intervenors	September 15
YECL Rebuttal Evidence (if necessary)	September 22
Hearing	October 7-9 inclusive (tentative)
Argument and Reply	To be determined at Pre-Hearing Conference

- 4. The Board will determine a process for the Interim Application after submissions at the Pre-Hearing Conference.
- 5. Not later than May 23, 2008, YECL shall cause to be published in display-ad format, a Notice of Application and Pre-Hearing Conference, as per Appendix A to this Order, in such appropriate local news publications in YECL's service area so as to provide adequate notice to the public.
- 6. YECL shall make the Application and supporting material available for inspection at YECL, 100-1100 First Avenue, Whitehorse, and at the Watson Lake and Haines Junction public libraries.

7. The Board will also make the Application and supporting material available for inspection at the office of the Board, 19-114 First Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon.
8. YECL shall distribute copies of the Application and any supplemental information to Intervenors as they become registered with the Board. YECL shall also prepare and distribute an Executive Summary of the Application to Interested Parties, upon request.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, this 20th day of May, 2008.

BY ORDER



Wendy Shanks
Chair

APPENDIX A to YUB Board Order 2008-4

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD NOTICE OF APPLICATION PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AND HEARING

Pre-Hearing Conference
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Date: June 12, 2008
Location: Gold Rush Inn, Town Hall
411 Main Street
Whitehorse, Yukon

Hearing
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Date: October 7, 2008 (tentative)
Location: To be determined

Summary of Application

The Yukon Electrical Company Limited (YECL) has filed an application with the Yukon Utilities Board (Board) for approval of its proposed revenue requirements for the years 2008 and 2009 (Application). YECL provides electrical service to more than 15,000 customers in 19 Yukon communities and has not been before the YUB with a general rate application since the 1996-97 test years.

YECL is seeking approval of revenue requirements of \$46,660,000 for 2008 and \$47,902,000 for 2009. These amounts represent an increase over revenues from existing rates and riders of \$2,200,000 (5.9 percent) for 2008 and \$4,130,000 (5.1 percent) in 2009, excluding fuel price increases.

YECL is requesting approval of the following deferral accounts:

- Purchase Power Flow Through (existing)
- Fuel Price flow Through (existing)
- Diesel Contingency Fund (existing)
- Increased Fuel Costs Associated with Pelly Crossing (new)
- Income Tax Rate Variance Deferral Account (new)

YECL is also requesting approval of interim refundable rate riders effective July 1, 2008.

Pre-Hearing Conference

To facilitate the oral public hearing process, the Board will hold a Pre-Hearing Conference about the Application, tentatively scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, **June 12, 2008**, at the Gold Rush Inn, Town Hall, 411 Main Street in Whitehorse, Yukon.

The Pre-Hearing Conference will address procedural matters which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Identification of Interveners
- Identification of the principal issues
- Regulatory process
- Scheduling and locations of proceedings

Hearing

An oral public hearing of the Application is tentatively scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, **October 7, 2008**, at a location to be determined. The oral hearing is tentatively scheduled for 3 days.

Schedule of Proceeding

Pending Ministerial approval, the Board has established the following schedule for this proceeding:

Action	Date (2008)
Intervenor register with the Board	June 5
Pre-hearing Conference	June 12
Information Requests to YECL	June 30
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Interventions

Parties intending to participate in the Pre-Hearing Conference, Hearing and other process steps, or who wish to receive documentation only, are to register in writing with the Board's Executive Secretary no later than Thursday, **June 5, 2008**, indicating the nature of their interest, and whether they plan to attend the Pre-Hearing Conference.

Public Inspection of the Application

The Application and supporting documents are available for inspection at the following locations:

- **Yukon Electrical Company Limited**
100-1100 First Avenue
- **Watson Lake and Haines Junction public libraries**

A copy of the Application and supporting documents are available for inspection at the office of the Yukon Utilities Board and on its web site: www.yukonutilitiesboard.yk.ca

A copy of the Application and supporting documents are also provided on YECL's web site: www.yukonelectrical.com

Clarification and Board Contact

Persons intending to participate, and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Deana Lemke, Executive Secretary, Yukon Utilities Board, by telephone at (867) 667-5058, in writing to Box 3178, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 6L3, by email to yub@utilitiesboard.yk.ca or by fax at (867) 667-5059.