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IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

and

**An Application by Yukon Electrical Company Limited
for Approval of Revenue Requirements for 2016 and 2017**

BEFORE: R. Laking, Chair) June 26, 2017
 B. King)
 A. Fortin)
 M. Hannam)
 P. Fitzgerald)

BOARD ORDER 2017-03

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 11, 2016, Yukon Electrical Company Limited, carrying on business as ATCO Electric Yukon (AEY), filed an application with the Yukon Utilities Board (Board), pursuant to the *Public Utilities Act*, and Order-In-Council 1995/90, requesting an order approving a forecast revenue requirement for 2016 and 2017 (Application). In addition, in the Application, AEY sought approval of:
- an interim refundable rate rider of 11.62 percent, effective July 1, 2016;
 - the continued use of currently approved deferral accounts, including purchase power flow-through, fuel price flow-through, and defined benefit pension costs during the test period; and
 - new deferral accounts related to liquefied natural gas fuel price changes, statutory tax rate change, feasibility studies and costs arising from Board Orders or legislative provisions not currently contemplated;
- B. On April 27, 2017, the Board issued Board Order 2017-01 in relation to the Application, and ordered as follows:
1. The Board directs YECL to provide a compliance filing to the Board within 30 days of the issuance of this Order in accordance with the directions set out in the reasons set out in Appendix A; and
 2. The Board approves the 2016 and 2017 revenue requirement for AEY with the changes directed in the reasons set out in Appendix A;

- C. On May 26, 2017, AEY filed its compliance filing with the Board pursuant to Board Order 2017-01;
- D. On May 29, 2017 the Board issued a memorandum requesting comments from interveners on the compliance filing by June 9, 2017 and affording AEY an opportunity to reply to those comments by June 16, 2017;
- E. The Board received submissions from the City of Whitehorse (CW) on June 9, 2017 and the Utilities Consumers' Group (UCG) on June 13, 2017. In its submission, CW noted that there were no working papers related to AEY's responses to Directions 1, 3 and 4, and acknowledged that the working papers for Direction 6 showed systematic over-forecasting of labour. CW recommended that the Board set out a process to test the application by information requests (IRs) to AEY, IR responses from AEY, followed by argument and reply. UCG made no submission with respect to process but asked for information on secondary sales;
- F. AEY provided reply comments on June 16, 2017. In its reply, YECL submitted that it had complied with the required directions. Further, in response to the comments from CW, YECL stated that the request for further process was unsupported and unnecessary. YECL submitted that the compliance filing, all related attachments and the complete set of updated schedules provide the relevant support for the application. Finally, YECL added that the Board has made its determinations on the approved revenue requirement and that the compliance filing is not an opportunity to re-test what has already been determined for this Application;
- G. With regard to the UCG inquiry, AEY stated the revenue and expenses related to secondary sales for the 2016-17 forecast period are detailed on Schedules 2.1 and 3.1 and the Board is satisfied with that response;
- H. The Board issued Board Order 2017-02 on June 21, 2017, denying the CW request for further process;
- I. The Board considers the record for this proceeding closed on June 21, 2017; and
- J. The Board has reviewed AEY 's compliance filing pursuant to Board Order 2017-01 and the submissions of the parties. The Board considers that AEY has met the directions in Board Order 2017-01.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board orders as follows:

1. The Board accepts the calculations and revisions to YECL's 2016 through 2017 revenue requirement as submitted by AEY in its compliance filing;
2. The Board approves AEY's request to set Rider R at 7.67%, to be in effect for all consumption from July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017; and
3. The Board approves AEY's request to set an ongoing Rider R at 8.30%, to reflect the final changes in approved revenue requirement from AEY's 2016-17 GRA, for consumption on or after January 1, 2018.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 26th day of June 2017.

BY ORDER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Laking', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Laking
Chair