

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

and

**General Rate Application by Yukon Energy Corporation
for Approval of Revenue Requirements for 2017 and 2018**

BEFORE: R. Laking, Chair) July 4, 2017
B. King)
A. Fortin)
M. Hannam)
P. Fitzgerald)

BOARD ORDER 2017-04

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 22, 2017, Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) 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 2017 and 2018 (Application). In addition, in the Application, YEC is seeking approval:
- to revise Rider F to include pricing related to the delivered cost of LNG, effective January 1, 2017;
 - to revise the DCF Term Sheet regarding the determination of annual expected long-term average thermal generation requirements and fuel costs; and
 - of an interim refundable rate rider (Rider J) for 2017 of 20.05% for retail firm rates and 16.40% for industrial firm rates, which represents an increase of 9.04% for retail and industrial customers, effective September 1, 2017;
- B. YEC is seeking approval of forecast revenue requirements of \$48.544 million for 2017 and \$49.864 million for 2018. These amounts represent an increase of \$5.348 million for 2017 over revenues from existing rates and riders of \$42.301 million (12.6% increase) and an increase of \$6.585 million for 2018 over revenues from existing rates and riders of \$42.384 million (15.5% increase).
- C. The difference in forecast revenue requirement represents a 2.7% increase from 2017 to 2018; and
- D. Pending ministerial approval, the Board establishes the following process for the Application.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board orders that:

1. YEC will hold a workshop on the Application on Thursday, August 3, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at a location in Whitehorse, Yukon to be determined by YEC.
2. Persons intending to participate in the proceeding must register in writing with the Board's Executive Secretary by no later than Friday, July 21, 2017, indicating the nature of their interest and the issues that they will address or that are of interest to them in relation to the Application.
3. Persons registering to participate in this proceeding are also invited to provide comments on YEC's request for an interim refundable rate rider by July 21, 2017. YEC may reply to any comments received by July 28, 2017.
4. The following process schedule will be established:

Action	Date (2017)
Register with the Board and submit comments on interim refundable rate rider	July 21
YEC reply comments on interim refundable rate rider	July 28
YEC workshop	August 3
Information Requests to YEC	August 25
Information Responses from YEC	September 22
Intervener Evidence	October 5
Information Request to Interveners	October 19
Information Responses from Interveners	November 2
YEC Rebuttal Evidence, if necessary	November 9
Oral Hearing	November 28-30
Final Argument	December 7
Reply Argument	December 21

5. YEC will arrange for publication in display-ad format of the attached Appendix A, Notice of Application, Workshop and Hearing by no later than July 10, 2017, in such appropriate local news publications in the service area of YEC so as to provide adequate notice to the public.
6. The Application and supporting material are to be made available on YEC's website: www.yukonenergy.ca. A hard copy may be obtained upon request to YEC.

7. The Application and supporting documents will also be available on the Board's website: www.yukonutilitiesboard.yk.ca.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 4th day of July 2017.

BY ORDER

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

Robert Laking
Chair

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD NOTICE OF APPLICATION, WORKSHOP AND HEARING

Workshop

Time: 1:00 p.m.
Date: August 3, 2017
Location: to be determined by YEC
in Whitehorse, Yukon

Hearing

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Date: November 28-30, 2017
Location: Coast High Country Inn
Whitehorse, Yukon

Summary of Application

The Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) has filed an application with the Yukon Utilities Board (Board) for approval of its proposed revenue requirements for the years 2017 and 2018 (Application). YEC is the main generator and transmitter of electrical energy in the Yukon and provides electrical service directly to retail customers in and around Dawson City, Mayo and Faro, and indirectly to retail customers on the joined Whitehorse/Aishihik/Faro and Mayo-Dawson systems through wholesale sales.

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Workshop

YEC will hold a workshop regarding the Application commencing at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, **August 3, 2017**, (YEC to insert location) in Whitehorse, Yukon. The workshop is designed to assist the public in gaining a better understanding of the Application.

Hearing

An oral public hearing of the Application is scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at the Coast High Country Inn in Whitehorse, Yukon. The oral hearing is scheduled for three days.

Schedule of Proceeding

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

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Interventions

Persons intending to participate in the workshop, hearing and other process steps are to register in writing with the Board's Executive Secretary by no later than Friday, July 21, 2017 indicating the nature of their interest and the issues of interest in relation to the Application. Registration for the workshop is not required.

Application available

The Application and supporting documents are available on YEC's website: www.yukonenergy.ca

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Clarification and Board Contact

Persons intending to participate, and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Ms. Deana Lemke, Executive Secretary, Yukon Utilities Board, by telephone at (867) 667-5058, in writing at Box 31728, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 6L3, by email to yub@utilitiesboard.yk.ca or by fax at (867) 667-5059.