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Yukon Utilities Board  
 Whitehorse, Yukon

Attention: Mrs. Deanna Lemke

Dear Mrs. Lemke,

Re: Intervention status, Carmacks-Stewart Transmission Project; Board Order 2007-004

As a representative of the Yukon Sustainable Energy Association, I thought it appropriate to act on behalf of the interests in distributed and small-footprint applications of advanced energy technologies as we know them today, in Canada.

Our interests lie in the matters of:

- 1) Liability to rate payers and residents of the Yukon Territory for a period of four years for the installation of infrastructure to serve a copper mine; where are the guarantees? YEC/YDC used to state that any new mining developments would have to provide their own power.
- 2) Take-over risk or bankruptcy risk (Faro, BYG, ...)
- 3) Options? Which ones have been explored such as a small-hydro development at the point-of-use? Is a power line really needed? Micro-turbines (biodiesel or used vegetable oil or ...), steam, clean coal,
- 4) Keeping in mind the benefits, electrifying the remote communities (Pelly Crossing), equalizing the grid, and using clean hydro power versus diesel power, there may be some gains in efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases by capitalizing on clean hydro power.
- 5) Will the extra load created by Sherwood Copper aka Minto Project compromise the ability of the hydro capacity and require a dependency on diesel generators at peak times?
- 6) What are the total revenues expected of Sherwood Copper in energy consumption over the four years where they will be forgiven the capital costs of infrastructure for their installation, ie. cash flow?

Thank you for your time and I apologize if we were late for the deadline. I can send someone in Whitehorse at a public meeting to ask these questions. I believe the Minto project is an excellent one from the point of view of geology and the copper deposit it contains. But we also believe that ratepayers should never be left liable for anything.

Caution and prudence are important factors in maintaining trust and happy residents and ratepayers. At last count, this amounted to perhaps 20,000 people, on a broad scale.

With the recent experiences with the fraud uncovered with the Energy Solutions Centre by Mrs. Sheila Fraser, Auditor-General (Feb., 2005), and the propensity of Crown Corporations being seen to be beyond public scrutiny, I believe we have trapped a rat.

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