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Ms. Wendy Shanks
Vice-Chair
Yukon Utilities Board
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Dear Ms. Shanks:

Thank you for your letter of July 26, 2006 regarding the Yukon Utilities Board's (YUB) Review of the Yukon Energy Corporation's (YEC) 20-year Resource Plan.

There are several complex financial, economic and policy issues to be considered in the review and informed input from all interested parties is critical to the success of the review process. As a result, the Yukon Government agrees to extend the completion date of the review until January 15, 2007 as you have proposed.

It is our governments' understanding that no final decision has been made to implement any of the proposed projects. However, the Resource Plan and the input received as a result of your review will be valuable in assisting YEC in planning and decision making in future. Of course, any specific projects to be implemented by YEC will be subject to various regulatory approvals and reviews. In addition, we would like to note that prior to the implementation of any proposed significant energy projects by YEC (e.g. construction of the Carmacks to Stewart transmission line), it is the government's intention to refer the details of such projects to the YUB for review and recommendation under the provisions of Part 3 of the *Public Utilities Act*.

I look forward to receiving your report on the Resource Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elaine Taylor".

Elaine Taylor
Minister of Justice

cc Chair, YDC Board of Directors
President, Yukon Energy Corporation
Archie Lang, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

