



# Leading Edge Projects Inc.

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March 4, 2009

Yukon Utilities Board  
Box 31728  
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Attn: Ms. Wendy Shanks  
YUB Chair

**Re: Leading Edge Projects' Intervenor Cost Award claim for The Yukon Electrical Company Limited (YECL) 2008-2009 General Rate Application before the Yukon Utilities Board**

Dear Ms. Shanks:

This letter and the attached supporting information constitutes the Leading Edge Projects Inc. (Leading Edge) Intervenor Cost Award claim. The Yukon Utilities Board's (the "Board") consideration of this claim is appreciated.

John Maissan of Leading Edge is well qualified to be an effective intervenor. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Yukon with a Permit to Practice from the Association of Professional Engineers of Yukon. John held senior engineering positions for about 14 years with Yukon Energy, and has been a member of a Yukon Energy witness panel in proceedings before the Board on a few occasions. With this background he has a broad familiarity with the regulated electrical utilities of Yukon and with their technical issues in particular. John has had his own consulting business (Leading Edge) since 2003. Leading Edge has a renewable energy focus and provides services throughout Canada and, from time to time, outside Canada.

Leading Edge (John Maissan) was granted Intervenor status in Board Order 2008-5. John Maissan participated in all aspects of the Hearing process. He prepared and submitted comments on the request for interim rates, participated in the Pre-Hearing Conference, prepared and submitted Interrogatory Requests on the YECL Application, participated fully in the hearing (including cross examination of the Applicant: transcript pages 217-229, 250-252, and 353-367), prepared and submitted Final Argument, and prepared and submitted Reply Argument.

The effectiveness of John Maissan's participation in the Board's YECL GRA process is demonstrated by the clear and succinct nature of his communications with the Board, the



IRs asked of YECL, the cross examination of YECL's panels, and the Final and Reply Arguments submitted. He addressed some important matters that were either not addressed or addressed in a more limited manner by other intervenors: conservation / DSM, transcript pages 223-225; the benefit of taller power poles, transcript page 363; and meter reading error rates, transcript page 360.

Confirmation of the effectiveness of and relevancy to the issues of the participation can be found in the Board's Reasons for Decision, Appendix A to Board Order 2009-2. There are references to Leading Edge's position on many key issues including capital expenditures (the AMR project, taller replacement power poles, the Carcross diesel generator, and the new billing system), the Fish Lake plant rebuild issues, the rate case reserve, the depreciation method employed, the diesel fuel costs for isolated communities, the need for DSM programs, and others.

The time spent on the GRA process has been kept to a minimum by John because as the sole practitioner in Leading Edge any time spent on this matter is time not available to his other clients at his normal charge-out rate, and represents a reduction in earnings. For this reason Leading Edge has included in its Intervenor Cost Award claim the time spent participating in the Hearings and requests the Board's consideration for this time. The time spent in Hearings was necessary to his effective participation in the GRA process and represents a reduction in time available to serve other clients. Proceeding transcripts were necessary for Leading Edge's timely preparation of Final Argument (and Reply Argument) and since no copy would be available in time to be useful an electronic copy (lowest cost alternative) was purchased.

Leading Edge was coordinating its efforts in the YECL GRA with JP Pinard of the Yukon Conservation Society, but due to other priorities this intervenor could not fully participate in the hearing process. In the Hearing process cross examination time was minimized by removing sections of Leading Edge's prepared cross examination as other intervenors covered the topics.

Attached are an Affidavit affirming that the time and costs claimed were indeed incurred, a listing of the time and costs being claimed, and a copy of an invoice for the hearing transcript cost incurred. Please note that the time claim includes, for illustrative purposes, an hourly rate of \$35. Leading Edge understands that the Intervenor Cost Award claim, including the hourly rate, is at the discretion of the Board.

Should additional information or justification be required by the Board to consider this Intervenor Cost Award claim under its Intervenor Cost Award Policy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



John Maissan  
c. YEL GRA circulation list by email

AFFIDAVIT

In the matter of awarding costs to Leading Edge Projects Inc. Pursuant to Section 56 of the  
*Public Utilities Act*, the Yukon Utilities Board Rules of Practice and  
the Intervenor Costs Award Policy

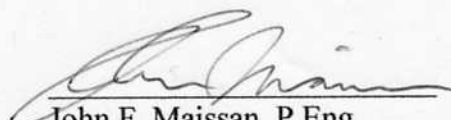
FOR

The Yukon Electrical Company Limited 2008-2009 General Rate Application

I SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The Cost Award claim of \$4,532.06 composed of time and expenses as detailed and supported in the attached documents has been incurred by me as a result of my participation in The Yukon Electrical Company Limited 2008-2009 General Rate Application proceeding before the Yukon Utilities Board, and has been derived in accordance with the Yukon Utilities Board Rules of Practice.

I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION BELIEVING IT TO BE TRUE AND KNOWING THAT IT IS OF THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS IF MADE UNDER OATH.

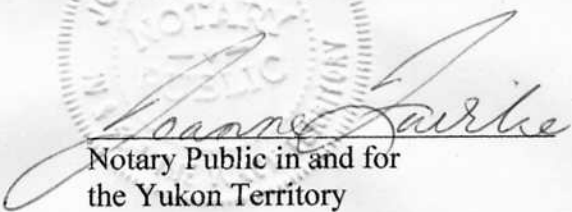
  
John F. Maissan, P.Eng.  
President

Declared before me

At the city of Whitehorse

In the Yukon Territory

This 4th day of March, 2009.

  
Notary Public in and for  
the Yukon Territory

## The Yukon Electrical Company Ltd. 2008-2009 GRA

Leading Edge Projects Inc. Intervenor Cost Award claim

Cost Award claim details

Item	Description	Hours	Hourly rate (illustrative only)	Cost
<b>Time claim for John F. Maissan, P.Eng.</b>				
1	Review and study application	7.75	\$ 35.00	\$ 271.25
2	Prepare for Pre-hearing Conference	1.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
3	Attendance at Pre-hearing Conference	1.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 52.50
4	Research and respond to request for interim rates	2.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 70.00
5	Research and preparation of IRs	18.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 630.00
6	Attend to various matters in correspondence	1.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
7	Research and preparation for hearing	12.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 437.50
8	Attendance at Hearings	21.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 735.00
9	Preparation of Final Argument	23.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 805.00
10	Preparation of Reply Argument	7.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 245.00
	Claim for time			\$ 3,316.25
11	GST 5%			\$ 165.81
	<b>Subtotal time claim</b>			<b>\$ 3,482.06</b>
<b>Expenses claim</b>				
12	Hearing Transcripts, GST included (receipt provided)			\$ 1,050.00
	<b>Subtotal claim for expenses</b>			<b>\$ 1,050.00</b>
	<b>Total Intervenor Cost Award claim for YECL GRA</b>			<b>\$ 4,532.06</b>

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October 20, 2008

**In Account with:**

Leading Edge Projects Inc.  
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Attn: John F. Maissan

**Re: YECL General Rate Application  
High Country Inn  
October 7 to 9, 2008**

Transcripts - digital copy (400 pages X \$2.50)		\$1,000.00
	GST	50.00
<b>TOTAL OWING</b>		<b><u>\$1,050.00</u></b>

Please make cheque payable to 18551 Yukon Inc.

Thank you,



Lois Cameron  
President

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