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May 30, 2018

Yukon Utilities Board
Box 31728
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 6L3

Attention: Mr. Robert Laking, Chair

**Re: Yukon Energy Corporation
Part 1 - Energy Reconciliation Adjustment (ERA) Application
UCG Cost Claim**

Dear Mr. Laking:

Enclosed for the review of the Board are the costs claimed by the Utilities Consumers' Group ("UCG") for reimbursement resulting from the regulatory review of Part 1 of Yukon Energy Corporation's Energy Reconciliation Adjustment (ERA) application.

UCG's cost claim consists of the following documents:

- a) Form 1 - Summary of total costs claimed;
- b) Form 2 - Summary of professional fees claimed by Mr. McMahon;
- c) Form 3 - Summary of disbursements claimed;
- d) Form 4 - Affidavit of fees and expenses claimed; and
- e) an invoice detailing the time claimed for Mr. McMahon;

The costs included in this cost claim do not include costs incurred between the time that YEC submitted its 2017-2018 General Rates Application (June 22, 2017) and the filing of YEC's two part application addressing the Energy Reconciliation Adjustment. Nor does it include costs incurred addressing Part 2 of that application.

UCG's intentions to use the services of Mr. McMahon in this proceeding were outlined in UCG's letter dated July 19, 2017 outlining UCG's intervention in YEC's 2017-2018 General Rates Application which included the Consultant Services Agreement between UCG and Mr. McMahon and the current resume of Mr. McMahon. To our knowledge, no party raised an issue with respect to this proposal.

Mr. McMahon supported the intervention of a legitimately constituted ratepayer group by providing extensive consulting services without the assistance of legal counsel which UCG was unable to acquire for this proceeding. UCG respectfully submits that Mr. McMahon provided his services in a manner and with the expertise that assisted in the quality and efficiency of the proceeding as a whole, and assisted UCG in making valuable submissions in a timely manner from the perspective of the ratepayers that UCG represents.

With the retainer of Mr. McMahon, UCG's need for a skilled consultant to assist and ultimately take the lead in preparing UCG's filings within this proceeding was filled with someone with not only the relevant general and specific knowledge of the industry, but also an extensive background in the history of the Yukon energy sector in particular.

With respect to Mr. McMahon's claimed hourly fee of \$225 per hour, UCG submits that this rate is well below the maximum rate allowed within the YUB's Scale of Costs for a consultant with Mr. McMahon's experience and expertise (\$270 per hour). The hourly rate is higher than the rate allowed by the YUB for work performed by Mr. McMahon between May 2016 and December 2016 related to YECL's 2016-2017 GRA (\$150) but is equal to the rate charged by Mr. McMahon for his work on the review of the power purchase agreement between YEC and Victoria Gold / Stratagold. The hourly rate is justified based on the added consultant experience Mr. McMahon has gained since the last time that the YUB issued a cost claim order and the added expertise he has gained being a member of the Board of Directors and audit sub-committee of an electricity distributor in Ontario, a member of the Board of Governors of a college in Ontario, and his added responsibilities in the regulatory issues being addressed in the natural gas and electricity industries in Ontario including being a member of the Ontario Energy Board's Regulatory Affairs Steering Committee. Mr. McMahon's broadened scope of experience and references has benefited UCG by allowing us to rely completely on Mr. McMahon's consultant advice, research capabilities and material preparation.

UCG submits that while this proceeding was limited in scope, the costs incurred by UCG were reasonable and were directly and necessarily related to UCG's effective participation in this regulatory review. UCG submits it acted responsibly and contributed to a better understanding of the issues to be decided by the Board.

We ask that all cost claim amounts approved for Mr. McMahon be made payable to him and sent to his attention at:

Patrick McMahon
5 Morning Glory Lane
Chatham, Ontario N7L 5R5

If there are any questions concerning the contents of this submission, I would ask that they be directed to me by email at rondeau@northwestel.net or by phone at 633-5210.

Yours truly,

Roger Rondeau
Utilities Consumers' Group

cc (by email): Yukon Energy Corporation

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Summary of Total Costs Claimed

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Date <u>May 30, 2018</u>	Total Fees	Total Disbursements	HST	Total Fees, Disbursements, & HST
			Total HST on Fees & Disbursements	
Firm/Company Name Patrick McMahon (PaTina Energy Consultants)	\$3,937.50		\$511.88	\$4,449.38
Firm/Company Name				\$0.00
Firm/Company Name				\$0.00
TOTAL COSTS CLAIMED	\$3,937.50	\$0.00	\$511.88	\$4,449.38

Claimant Utilities Consumers' Group
 Agent/Representative Roger Rondeau
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Applicant(s) Yukon Energy Corporation
 Application(s) No. _____
 Hearing Part 1 - Energy Reconciliation Adjustment Application

Date May 30, 2018

FIRM/COMPANY NAME	PROFESSIONAL FEES										HST	Total
	Years of Experience	Hourly Wage	Preparation and lrs		Attendance		Argument & Reply		Total Fees		Total HST on Professional Fees	Fees & HST
			Hours	Fees	Hours	Fees	Hours	Fees	Hours	Fees		
PaTina Energy Consultants												
Individual Name Patrick McMahon	37.0	\$225.00	5.50	\$1,237.50		\$0.00	12.00	\$2,700.00	17.50	\$3,937.50	\$511.88	\$4,449.38
Individual Name				\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Individual Name				\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total This Company			5.50	\$1,237.50	0.00	\$0.00	12.00	\$2,700.00	17.50	\$3,937.50	\$511.88	\$4,449.38

Claimant Utilities Consumers' Group
 Hearing Part 1 - Energy Reconciliation Adjustment Application

Applicant(s) Yukon Energy Corporation
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Summary of Disbursements Claimed

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Date May 30, 2018

Disbursements Claimed (exclusive of GST)	Name of Claimant	Name of Claimant	Name of Claimant	Name of Claimant	Total Disbursements
Airfare	\$0.00				\$0.00
Accommodation	\$0.00				\$0.00
Meals (maximum at GY rates)	\$0.00				\$0.00
Mileage (maximum at GY rates)					\$0.00
Taxi	\$0.00				\$0.00
Parking					\$0.00
Care rental					\$0.00
Transcripts					\$0.00
Postage					\$0.00
Courier/delivery					\$0.00
Telephone/long distance					\$0.00
Fax (\$1.00/page)					\$0.00
Internal photocopying (\$.10/copy)	\$0.00				\$0.00
External printing					\$0.00
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					\$0.00
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					\$0.00
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					\$0.00
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total GST/HST on Disbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Claimant Utilities Consumers' Group

Applicant(s) Yukon Energy Corporation
Part 1 - Energy Reconciliation Adjustment Application

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Affidavit of Fees and Disbursements Form 4

Affidavit of fees and disbursements claimed in the matter of a claim for costs made by

UTILITIES CONSUMERS' GROUP (UCG) for participation in a proceeding before the

Yukon Utilities Board with respect to the following Application: YEC PART I - ENERGY RECONCILIATION ADJUSTMENT

I, ROGER RONDEAU, of the (city/town) of WHITEHORSE and the Territory/Province of YUKON,

MAKE OATH (OR AFFIRM) AND SAY THAT:

- 1) I am the DIRECTOR of the cost claimant UCG (P. McMAHON) (the "Claimant") and as such have personal knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to, except where stated to be based on information and belief, and where so stated, I do verily believe to be true.
- 2) The Claimant was an (~~applicant~~/intervener) in a proceeding (the "Proceeding") before the Board with respect to the above application(s).
- 3) The Claimant incurred fees and disbursements (exclusive of GST) in the amount of \$ 3,937.50 as a result of its participation in the Proceeding. Additionally, the Claimant incurred GST on the above fees and disbursements in the amount of \$ 511.88.
- 4) I have personally reviewed the accounts of the Claimant's (~~lawyer(s), consultant(s), witness(s)~~), including the supporting documentation as required by the *Scale of Costs*, and confirm that these accounts represent work performed at the specific request of the Claimant.
- 5) I have personally reviewed all receipts, invoices, or accounts for transcripts, airfare, or accommodation and confirm that they represent disbursements incurred at the specific request of the Claimant.
- 6) I confirm that the fees and disbursements claimed on behalf of the Claimant's (~~lawyer(s), expert(s), or consultant(s)~~) are reasonable and in accordance with the *Scale of Costs*.
- 7) (If necessary) The fees claimed on behalf of _____ are in excess of the *Scale of Costs*. However, I believe that the Claimant should be entitled to recover such costs because: _____

8) To the best of my knowledge and belief, the fees and disbursements claimed by the Claimant represent fees and disbursements incurred necessarily and reasonably for the purpose of the Proceeding.

9) (If necessary) The Claimant is entitled to a rebate in connection with the Federal Goods and Services Tax to the extent of 13%. The Claimant's GST number is 85037 9359 RT0001.

SWORN (OR AFFIRMED) before me at the (City/Town, etc.) of WHITEHORSE, in the Province/Territory of YUKON on (date) _____.

Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths

Signature of Affiant

PaTina Energy Consultants

5 Morning Glory Lane
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GST/HST Registration Number 85037 7359 RT0001

COST CLAIM STATEMENT

Consultant Services to Utilities Consumers' Group by Patrick McMahon

Yukon Utilities Board Proceeding:

Yukon Energy Corporation – Part 1 - Energy Reconciliation Adjustment Application

- Preliminary discussions with UCG to isolate issues to be addressed; detailed review of application of YEC and history of the ERA; development of information requests related to the issues to be addressed; detailed review of responses to information requests by YEC; consult on IR-related issues. (McMahon – 5.5 hours)
- Consultation on and preparation of UCG's final argument. (McMahon – 7.5 hours)
- Review of submitted final arguments, consultation on and preparation of UCG's reply argument. (McMahon – 4.5 hours)

Total Hours:	17.50
Hourly Rate:	\$225.00
Total Fees Claimed:	\$3,937.50
HST (13%):	\$ 511.88
Total Claim:	\$4,449.38

Summary details of the time logged by Mr. McMahon in this proceeding are outlined below.

1. Preparation of information requests

On February 9, 2018, UCG submitted 9 multi-part information requests after reviewing YEC's application and discussions regarding issues that UCG wanted to address and clarify. In preparation for this submission, Mr. McMahon reviewed the pre-filed evidence, material put on record at previous YUB reviews of the ERA, and conducted research on specific issues raised by UCG. Mr. McMahon identified requests for information in numerous issue areas, drafted and finalized the information requests submitted on behalf of UCG.

2. Preparation of final argument

Development of UCG's final argument required the reading and analysis of evidence put on the record through pre-filed evidence and responses to information requests. Mr. McMahon developed the draft final argument. The process for developing the final argument was an iterative one over several days involving Mr. McMahon and Mr. Rondeau with each party offering suggestions on positions and edits to make from their own backgrounds. Mr. McMahon was responsible for developing the draft final argument positions as well as the final product submitted to the YUB.

3. Preparation of reply argument

Like the development of final argument, UCG's reply argument to the arguments submitted by other parties was an iterative process involving Mr. McMahon and Mr. Rondeau. Mr. McMahon developed a draft reply argument that ultimately focussed on the arguments submitted by YEC, ATCO Electric Yukon (AEY) and the City of Whitehorse. Mr. McMahon and Mr. Rondeau exchanged several emails to develop UCG's reply argument into a series of specific comments on a number of conclusions by YEC in the order that they appear within YEC's final argument. Mr. McMahon was responsible for developing the final reply argument submitted to the YUB.

Additional detail to explain functions performed by Patrick McMahon (*PaTina Energy Consultants*)

December 7 - 20, 2017, January 30 – February 9, 2018

- Consultation with UCG regarding expectations for proceeding and isolation of issues to address, review of YEC application and previous ERA-related filings and reviews, research on issues identified by UCG, preparation and finalization of information requests (5.5 hours)

February 23 – March 16, 2018

- Review 95 pages of IR responses, draft related argument positions focussed on this part of application; conduct research on specific issues, consultation with UCG on drafts of final argument, preparation and finalization of UCG argument for submission to YUB (7.5 hours)

March 17 – 29, 2018

- Consultation with UCG re: strategy for reply argument; review and analysis of filed arguments; development of draft UCG Reply argument discussions with UCG; revisions and preparation of final reply argument (4.5 hours)