

Yukon Utilities Board

January 14, 2014

Hon. Mike Nixon
Minister of Justice
Government of Yukon
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Dear Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Re YEC LNG Project Proceeding

On December 30, 2013, the Yukon Utilities Board (Board) received your letter, dated December 20, 2013, which asked the Board to undertake a review of a Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) proposed Natural Gas Conversion Project for Whitehorse, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Public Utilities Act*. The actual application from YEC was not transmitted to the Board for our consideration until December 31, 2013. The letter you sent included attached terms of reference for the review, including a requirement for public hearing. In your letter, you specified that the Board is report back to you on the outcome of the review and public hearing by April 15, 2014.

Since the receipt of your letter, the Board has conferred with our contracted technical and legal advisors (Alberta Utilities Commission) and it has been determined that the timeline proposed by YEC is not practicable given the availability of our advisors, combined with the fact that the schedule proposed by YEC provides insufficient time to complete all of the necessary steps of the public hearing process while still ensuring the fair and transparent public process that you are requesting. Given the date of the Board's receipt of the application, several of the proposed dates included in the submission had already expired by the time the Board and our advisors had the opportunity to review the application very early in the new year.

Accordingly, the Board has issued, by Board Order (attached), a schedule that will result in a review process that will culminate in a public oral hearing that will be held the week of March 30, 2014.

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Due to this change in the proposed hearing dates, the April 15 report date you specified in your letter is not achievable. In order to provide you with a considered response based on the public input we will receive, the Board respectfully requests that the Ministerial reporting deadline be extended to May 30, 2014. The Board, of course, will endeavor to provide a report outlining the Board's recommendations before this date, if possible.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this request further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce McLennan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bruce McLennan
Chair