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Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6



December 20, 2013

Yukon Utilities Board
Box 31728
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Dear Mr. McLennan:

RE: REFERRAL OF THE WHITEHORSE DIESEL TO NATURAL GAS CONVERSION PROJECT TO THE YUKON UTILITIES BOARD FOR REVIEW UNDER PART 3 OF THE *PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT* AS A REGULATED PROJECT

Please find attached an Energy Project Certificate and Energy Operation Certificate application by the Yukon Energy Corporation for the proposed Whitehorse Diesel – Natural Gas Conversion Project (“the project”).

As you are aware, the Government of Yukon designated this project by OIC 2013/200 as a regulated project under Part 3 of the *Public Utilities Act*.

I am therefore directing the Yukon Utilities Board (“the Board”) with the attached terms of reference to review the project and to report back to me by no later than April 15, 2014 with recommendations as outlined in the attached terms of reference.

Section 50 of the *Public Utilities Act* requires written ministerial approval in advance of any inquiry or public hearing under the *Act*. With this letter I authorize the Board to conduct any public hearings that it considers necessary for its review and I approve any necessary expenditure for the Board’s review and reporting. I also recognize that under section 56 of the *Act* the Board can make any order for the recovery of its costs of the proceeding that it considers appropriate.

I should note as well that I have been informed that, as a result of a clerical oversight, OIC 2013/200 misstates the generating station’s current and projected capacity. I understand that while the expected 4MW increment shown is correct, the figures described as total generating capacity relate in fact to the particular generating units only. I trust that this error will not inconvenience the Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your report in April of 2014.

Best regards,

The Honourable Mike Nixon
Minister of Justice
Attorney General

Attachments (3)

