

1994-4

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF A JOINT APPLICATION BY YUKON ENERGY CORPORATION AND THE YUKON ELECTRICAL COMPANY LIMITED TO THE YUKON UTILITIES BOARD FOR ORDERS APPROVING CHANGES IN THE EXISTING RATES, TOLLS, OR CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT, POWER, OR ENERGY AND RELATED SERVICES SUPPLIED TO ITS CUSTOMERS WITH YUKON.

BOARD ORDER 1994-4

DATED: APRIL 19, 1994

This Board in Decision 1993-8 dated November 23, 1993, reviewed the issue of the hearing costs of Yukon Energy Corporation ("YEC") and the Yukon Electrical Company Limited ("YECL") relating to the Companies' 1993/94 General Rate Application ("1993/94 GRA"). The Board held in that decision that they would address the reasonableness of hearing costs incurred by YEC and YECL at a later date.

In Decision 1993-8, the Board directed that YEC and YECL file with the Board a summary of their external expenses including those of consultants hired to prepare for and attend at the hearing, all transportation, hotel and meal costs for participants in the hearing process, and all costs outside of the companies day-to-day overhead costs within 20 days of the date of that Decision.

This Board did not receive that information within the said 20 days.

As a result, on December 21, 1993, this Board sent an information request to YEC and YECL requesting details of certain hearing costs relating the 1993/94 GRA.

By letter dated February 2, 1994, from D.O. Sabey Q.C., solicitor for YECL to this Board, Exhibit 1993-1-268, YEC and YECL referred to a summary of certain specified expenses being filed with the Board. The material filed did not include a summary of external expenses including those of consultants hired to prepare for and attend at the hearing, all transportation, hotel and meal costs for participants in the hearing process, and all costs outside of the companies day-to-day overhead costs.

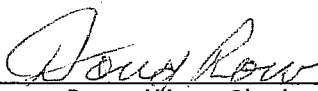
The purpose of the Board's request was to review the reasonableness of the Companies' hearing costs.

By letter dated March 18, 1994, Board counsel, Bruce L. Willis, Q.C., wrote to Mr. Sabey again requesting this information.

The only further information received pursuant to the Board's Order contained in Decision 1993-8 was a listing of the hourly rates of the outside solicitors and consultants.

This Board has yet to receive any adequate evidence of the reasonableness of the Companies' hearing costs for the 1993/94 GRA. Without such evidence the Board cannot assess the reasonableness of the companies request for hearing costs for 1993/94. In the absence of this information being provided within 7 days the Board is not prepared to permit the Companies hearing costs. If the balance of the information ordered to be produced by Decision 1993-8 and answers to the Board's information request dated December 15, 1993, Exhibit 1993-241, are not received within 7 days by the Board, the Board directs that the hearing costs of YEC and YECL be reduced by \$328,000 and \$176,000, respectively.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory this 19th day of April, 1994.



Doug Row, Vice-Chair
Yukon Utilities Board