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AN ORDER IN THE MATTER OF the Public Utilities Act Revised Statutes, 1986, c. 143, as amended

and

A Joint Application by Yukon Energy Corporation and The Yukon Electrical Company Limited

BEFORE:	B. Morris, Chair; and	4	
	B. Laking, Vice-Chair; and	Ś	December 8, 1995
	G. Duncan, Member	,	ŕ

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WHEREAS:

- A. On November 17, 1995 Yukon Energy Corporation and Yukon Electrical Company Limited ("YEC/YECL, the Companies") filed with the Board, pursuant to the Public Utilities Act ("the Act") and Order-In-Council 1995/90, an Application requesting an Order granting new rates, effective with consumption January 1, 1996 with a further increase on January 1, 1997.
- B. The General Rate Application also proposes changes in rate design, initially on an interim refundable basis, with average increases of 18 percent to the Industrial class, 4 percent to the government Residential class, 12 percent decreases to the General Service non-government classes, and 23 percent decreases to Street Light rates and Rate Riders for other new mines; and
- C. The Application also proposes to establish a Rate Stabilization Fund, amend the Electrical Service Regulations and withdraw previous reporting requirements; and
- D. The Board has reviewed the Application, and requires that the matters be set down for public hearing, with an initial written hearing to examine the request for interim rates;

NOW THEREFORE the Board orders as follows:

- Interested Parties should make written submissions to the Board, with copies to the Applicants, on the request by YEC/YECL for approval of the rates on an interim refundable basis by December 22, 1995.
 The Companies will reply to the submissions by December 29, 1995, after which the Board will issue its decision on the Interim request by way of a future Order.
- 2. A public hearing into the Application will commence at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 1996 at Whitehorse, Yukon at a location to be determined.
- 3. YEC/YECL will arrange for publication in display-ad format, not later than December 15, 1995, of a Notice of Public Hearing, as per attached copy in such appropriate local news publications in the service area of the Companies so as to provide adequate notice to the public.
- 4. The Application and supporting material are to be made available for Inspection at the Head Office of Yukon Energy Corporation, 304 204 Lambert Street, Whitehorse, Yukon and Yukon Electrical Company Limited, First and Elliot Street, Whitehorse, Yukon; and at the Yukon Electrical Company Limited District Offices located at Beaver Creek, Dawson City, Faro, Haines Junction, Mayo and Watson Lake as well as Yukon Public Libraries.

The Application and supporting material are also available for inspection at the office of the Yukon Utilities Board, P.O. Box 6070, 19 - 1114 First Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 5L7.

- 5. The Companies are to distribute copies of the Application and any supplemental information to Intervenors as they become registered with the Board. YEC/YECL are to distribute an Executive Summary of the Application to interested parties.
- 6. YEC/YECL are to file with the Board, not later than December 22, 1995, any additional prepared testimony and supplemental material upon which they intend to rely.
- 7. Not later than January 3, 1996, Intervenors intending to be present and participate in the public hearing should give written notice of intention to do so to the Board Secretary and to the Applicants. Such notice should state the nature of the interest in the proceeding.
- 8. Registered Intervenors and interested parties intending to make requests for additional information from the Applicants should do so by January 12, 1996. Information Requests made by January 12, 1996 shall be responded to by YEC/YECL on or before January 26, 1996. Information Requests made after January 12, 1996 shall be responded to on a best-efforts basis.
- 9. A Pre-Hearing Conference will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 1, 1996 at Whitehorse, Yukon at a location to be determined.
- 10. Registered Intervenors intending to file written evidence pertaining to the Application must do so with the Board and the Applicants by February 9, 1996.
- 11. Information Requests on such written evidence should be made to the Intervenor by February 23, 1996 and shall be responded to by the Intervenor on or before March 8, 1996.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, this

// the day of December, 1995.

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BY ORDER

Brian Morris

Chair

Attch.

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Date:

March 18, 1996

Location:

Whitehorse, Yukon

THE APPLICATION

1. On November 17, 1995 Yukon Energy Corporation and Yukon Electrical Company Limited ("YEC/YECL, the Companies") filed with the Board, pursuant to the Public Utilities Act (the "Act") and Order-In-Council 1995/90, an Application requesting an Order granting new rates, effective with consumption January 1, 1996 with a further increase on January 1, 1997.

- 2. The General Rate Application also proposes changes in rate design, with average increases of 18 percent to the Industrial class, 4 percent increases to the Residential government class, 12 percent decreases to the General Service non-government classes, and 23 percent decreases to Street Light rates, plus Rate Riders for other new mines; and
- The Application also proposes to amend the Electrical Service Regulations and withdraw previous reporting requirements.

INTERIM REFUNDABLE RATE APPLICATION

- 1. Included in the above application, Yukon Energy Corporation and Yukon Electrical Company Limited also requested an Order implementing the proposed rates on an interim refundable basis effective, with consumption January 1, 1996.
- 2. Interested parties should make written submissions to the Board, with copies to the Applicants, on the request by YEC/YECL for approval of the rates on an interim refundable basis by December 22, 1995. The Companies will reply to the submissions by December 29, 1995, after which the Board will issue its decision on the Interim request by way of a future Order.

THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Application will be heard commencing at 9:00 a.m. local time, Monday, March 18, 1996 at Whitehorse, Yukon at a location to be determined.

The Board members to review the Application will be comprised of the following:

Mr. Brian Morris, Chair

Mr. Robert Laking, Vice-Chair

Mr. Gordon Duncan, Member

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application and supporting material are available for inspection at the following locations:

Yukon Energy Corporation

Head Office:

304 - 204 Lambert Street

Whitehorse, Yukon

Yukon Electrical Company Limited

Head Office:

First and Elliot Street

Whitehorse, Yukon

District Offices:

Beaver Creek, Yukon

Dawson City, Yukon

Faro, Yukon

Haines Junction, Yukon

Mayo, Yukon

Watson Lake, Yukon

Yukon Community Libraries

Carcross, Yukon

Carmacks, Yukon Dawson City, Yukon

Faro, Yukon

Haines Junction, Yukon

Mayo, Yukon Old Crow, Yukon Ross River, Yukon Teslin, Yukon Watson Lake, Yukon Whitehorse, Yukon

An Executive Summary of the Application is available from the Companies, upon request at no charge.

Copies of the Application and supporting material are also available for inspection at the office of the Yukon Utilities Board, P.O. Box 6070, 19 - 1114 First Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 5L7.

INTERVENTIONS

Any person wishing to obtain the complete Application materials, or to be present at the public hearing and to give evidence or cross-examine witnesses should provide written notice, to be received not later than January 3, 1996, to the Board Secretary and to the Applicants. The notice should include a brief statement as to the nature of the interest in the proceedings and should indicate whether they intend to appear at the hearing.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

Registered Intervenors or Interested Parties requesting additional information from the Applicants should do

so by January 12, 1996. Information Requests made by that date shall be responded to by January 26, 1996. Information Requests made after January 12, 1996 shall be responded to on a best-efforts basis.

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

- 1. A pre-hearing conference will take place at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 1, 1996 at Whitehorse, Yukon at a location to be determined.
- 2. The pre-hearing conference will address substantive and procedural matters including but not limited to:
 - the completeness of the Application;
 - the identification of principal issues; and
 - any other matters that will enable the hearing to efficiently cover and review all aspects of the Application.

SUBMISSIONS BY INTERVENORS

Eight copies of written evidence from Intervenors are required to be filed, with the Board Secretary and two copies with the Companies, by February 9, 1996.

CLARIFICATION

Persons intending to participate in the public hearing, and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. J. Slater, Board Secretary, by telephone at 667-5058, or in writing to him at P.O. Box 6070, 19 - 1114 First Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 5L7 or faxed to 667-5059.

By Order

J. Slater

Board Secretary