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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 R. Laking, Vice-Chair)	February 16, 1996
	G. Duncan		

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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 Lights 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 reviewed the Application, caused a Notice of Public Hearing to be published with a schedule of dates for each stage of the proceedings and set down the matter for public hearing to commence March 18, 1996.
- E. Registered Intervenors and Interested Parties seeking additional information were invited to submit Information Requests by January 12, 1996. The Board ordered that responses to these Information Requests be completed by January 26, 1996.
- F. YEC/YECL responded to the Information Requests on January 26, 1996 and as a result of the responses received on that date, the Utilities Consumers' Group filed a Notice of Motion (#2) with the Board on February 5, 1996 pursuant to the Yukon Utilities Board Rules of Practice. That Notice of Motion (#2) asked the Board to rule on the adequacy of the responses received on January 26, 1996.
- G. The YEC/YECL responded to the Notice of Motion (#2) on February 15, 1996.

NOW THEREFORE the Board orders as follows:

The Applicants replied with revised responses, where appropriate, as a result of additional clarification being provided in the Notice of Motion (#2). The Board is satisfied with the adequacy

of the responses. No further response to the questions in issue is required

 \mathbf{DATED} at the City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, this

day of February, 1996.

BY ORDER

Brian Morris Chair