

**IN THE MATTER OF the Public Utilities Act
Revised Statutes of Yukon, 2002, c.186, as amended**

and

**An Application by Yukon Energy Corporation
for review of its 20-Year Resource Plan: 2006-2025**

BEFORE: W. Shanks, Vice-Chair)
 R. Hancock)
 M. Phillips)

July 28, 2006

BOARD ORDER 2006-6

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 1, 2006, Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC, or the Company) filed an application with the Yukon Utilities Board (the Board) to review its 20-Year Resource Plan: 2006-2025 (Resource Plan) to address Yukon's major electrical generation and transmission needs;
- B. The Resource Plan sets out YEC's expected near-term and longer-term requirements. Four near-term projects are proposed in the Resource Plan. Four alternatives, based on various scenarios to meet the needs of industrial customers, are set out to meet longer-term requirements. Certain near-term planning activities are proposed to protect longer-term options to address new load requirements;
- C. On June 5, 2006, the Minister of Justice of the Government of Yukon requested the Board to review and hold a hearing on the Resource Plan. The Board is to forward its report on its findings to the Commissioner in Executive Council, and make the report public, by October 31, 2006. Specifically, the Minister of Justice requested the Board review the proposals in the Resource Plan with emphasis on:
 - i) those projects related to the Resource Plan which require commitments by YEC before the year 2009 for major investments with anticipated costs of \$3 million or more for feasibility assessment and engineering, environmental licensing, or construction; and
 - ii) planning activities related to the Resource Plan which YEC may be required to carry out in order to commence construction on other projects before the year 2016 to meet the needs of potential major industrial customers or other major potential developments in Yukon.

Further specifics regarding the scope of the review requested are stated in the June 5, 2006, letter from the Minister of Justice, which shall form part of the application materials; and

- D. In Board Order 2006-5, the Board established a procedural schedule for this proceeding. Following the Public Workshop on July 25, 2006, due to scheduling concerns from the parties, the Board requested an extension from the Government of Yukon for the filing of its report to January 15, 2007. The request was granted and a revised procedural schedule has been established.

NOW THEREFORE the Board orders as follows:

1. A Pre-hearing Conference into the Application will commence at 9:00 a.m. on August 30, 2006, at the High Country Inn, 4051 Fourth Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon.
3. A Hearing into the Application will commence at 9:00 a.m. on November 20, 2006, at the Gold Rush Inn, 411 Main Street, Whitehorse, Yukon.
4. Parties seeking Intervenor status are to provide the following information to the Board by August 23, 2006:
 - issues the party intends to pursue
 - whether the party intends to hire legal counsel and consultants and if so:
 - the qualifications of each professional
 - the retainer letter for each professional
 - a description of why each professional is required
 - whether the party intends to file evidence and if so, on what issues.
5. YEC will arrange for publication in display-ad format, not later than August 2, 2006, of a Notice of Pre-hearing Conference and Hearing, as per attached copy, in such appropriate local news publications in the service area of the Company so as to provide adequate notice to the public.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, the 31st day of July, 2006.

BY ORDER



per: Wendy Shanks
Vice-Chair

YUKON UTILITES BOARD

NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AND HEARING

Pre-Hearing Conference

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Date: August 30, 2006
Location: High Country Inn
4051 Fourth Avenue
Whitehorse, Yukon

Hearing

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Date: November 20, 2006
Location: Gold Rush Inn
411 Main Street
Whitehorse, Yukon

Background

On June 19, 2006, the Yukon Utilities Board (Board) issued Order 2006-5 which established a procedural schedule for the review of Yukon Energy Corporation's (YEC) 20-Year Resource Plan: 2006-2025 (Resource Plan). The Resource Plan addresses major electrical and transmission requirements in Yukon during the 2006 to 2025 period. The plan also provides background information on Yukon's electrical system as well as an overview of the forecast short term and long electrical requirements.

Pre-hearing Conference

To facilitate the oral public hearing process, the Board will hold a Pre-Hearing Conference into the Application, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at the High Country Inn, 4051 Fourth Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon.

The Acting Board Chair for review of the Application is Wendy Shanks.

The Pre-hearing Conference will address procedural matters which will include, but not be limited to, the following.

- Intervenor and Observer status
- Cost Process issues, including:
 - professional vs. non-professional status for individual Intervenors
 - interim funding
 - the definition of sole business
- Identification of the issues for the hearing
- Regulatory process, including the orderly exchange of information requests and responses

- Scheduling and location(s) of the proceedings
- Other matters that will enable the proceedings to efficiently cover and review all aspects of the Application

Hearing

An oral public hearing is scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 2006 at the Gold Rush Inn, 411 Main Street, Whitehorse, Yukon.

Schedule of Proceeding

The Board has established a revised schedule for this proceeding based on the revised deadline for the Board to issue its report on YEC's Resource Plan.

Action	Date 2006
Comments on proposed issues list distributed on July 26	August 23
Additional submissions on Intervenor status	August 23
Pre-hearing conference	August 30
Decision on Pre-hearing matters including finalized issues list	September 8
Information Requests on Application to YEC	September 20
YEC Responses to Application Information Requests	October 6
Intervenor Evidence Filed	October 20
Information Requests to Intervenor on their Evidence	October 27
Intervenor Responses to Information Requests	November 8
Hearing commences	November 20
Written argument	December 1
Written reply argument	December 8
Report to Commissioner in Executive Council, Government of Yukon	January 15, 2007

Public Inspection of the Application

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

Yukon Energy Corporation

Head Office: Whitehorse Hydro Dam
Robert Service Way

District Offices: Mayo, Yukon
Faro, Yukon
Dawson, Yukon

All Public Libraries in Yukon communities

Local Post Offices in the following Yukon communities:

Ross River
Old Crow

A copy of the Application and supporting documents are also available for inspection at the office of the Yukon Utilities Board at 19-1114 First Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon.

A copy of the Application and supporting documents are provided on YEC's website at www.yukonenergy.ca.

Clarification

Persons intending to participate, and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Ms. Deana Lemke, the Executive Secretary, Yukon Utilities Board, by telephone at 867-667-5058 or in writing at Box 31728, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 6L3, by email to yub@northwestel.net or by fax at 867-667-5059.