

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

and

**An Application by Yukon Energy Corporation
for Approval of Revenue Requirements for 2012 and 2013**

BEFORE: B. McLennan, Chair) July 13, 2012
 R. Laking)
 A. Fortin)
 N. Prasad)

BOARD ORDER 2012-07

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 27, 2012, Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC or Company) filed with the Yukon Utilities Board (Board), pursuant to the *Public Utilities Act* (Act), and Order-In-Council 2012/68, an Application requesting an order approving a forecast revenue requirement for the 2012 and 2013 test years, an interim refundable rate rider effective July 1, 2012, and implementation of overall rate adjustments through implementation of Rider J and Rider R (General Rate Application);

- B. On May 4, 2012, the Board issued Board Order 2012-03 providing notice of the General Rate Application, and set a process schedule for the Application;

- C. On May 22, 2012, the Board issued Board Order 2012-04 which granted Intervenor status to:
 - Yukon Electrical Company Limited (YECL);
 - John Maissan (Leading Edge);
 - Utilities Consumers' Group (UCG);
 - Yukon Conservation Society (YCS); and
 - City of Whitehorse; and

- D. In a June 7, 2012 order, Board Order 2012-05, interim rate adjustments of 6.3% for retail customers and 2.9% for industrial customers were approved on a refundable basis. These interim rate adjustments were approved through implementation of Rider J effective July 1, 2012;

- E. Board Order 2012-06, issued on June 28, 2012, revised the process schedule for the General Rate Application. The dates for the oral public hearing were amended to November 12 to 14, 2012 inclusive. The Board also set dates for written final argument and reply argument of November 28, 2012 and

December 12, 2012, respectively. The remaining dates in the process schedule from Board Order 2012-03 were unchanged;

- F. On July 3, 2012, the Board received a letter from YEC requesting an extension for the time to answer information requests (YEC Request). YEC asked that, due to the volume and detailed nature of the requests, the period to respond to the interrogatories be extended to July 27, 2012. Similarly, YEC requested that the dates for intervenor evidence, Information Requests (IRs) to intervenors, information responses from intervenors and YEC rebuttal evidence be adjusted accordingly. YEC included a recommended revised schedule for this proceeding;
- G. On July 5, 2012, the Board issued a memo suspending the current proceeding schedule and outlining a process for Parties to comment on the YEC Request and YEC's revised schedule. Intervenors were invited to provide comments on the YEC Request by July 9, 2012, and YEC was provided the opportunity to reply to the intervenor comments by July 11, 2012;
- H. The Board received comments from all registered intervenors on the YEC Request by July 9, 2012. No intervenors objected to the YEC Request. UCG requested that some type of cross-reference package be included to make it easier for Parties to find answers to information responses;
- I. YEC did not provide any reply comments; and
- J. The Board has considered the YEC Request and the comments from Parties.

NOW THEREFORE the Board orders as follows:

1. The Board amends the process schedule for the YEC 2012-2013 GRA as follows:

Action	Date (2012)
Register with the Board	May 18
YEC Workshop	May 30
Information Requests to YEC	June 21
Information Responses from YEC	July 27
Intervenor Evidence	August 16
Information Requests to Intervenors	August 30
Information Responses from Intervenors	September 13
YEC Rebuttal Evidence (if necessary)	September 20
Hearing	November 12-14 inclusive
Final Argument	November 28
Reply Argument	December 12

2. The Board agrees with UCG that responses to IRs should be cross-referenced wherever there are references to another IR or there is duplication in a response to more than one IR. The Board directs all Parties, when providing a response to an IR which refers to the answer in another IR, to identify the cross-referenced IR and to include a copy of the response to the cross-referenced IR.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, this 13th day of July 2012.

BY ORDER

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Bruce McLennan
Chair