

# YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

## IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

and

### Yukon Energy Corporation Application for an Energy Project Certificate and Energy Operation Certificate Regarding the Proposed Battery Energy Storage System Project

**BEFORE:** R. Buchan, Chair ) April 16, 2021  
B. King, Vice-Chair )  
A. Fortin )  
A. Middler )  
M. Johnson )

#### BOARD ORDER 2021-06

#### WHEREAS:

- A. On February 2, 2021, the Minister of Justice issued a letter to the Yukon Utilities Board (Board) referring the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project of Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) for review under Part 3 of the *Public Utilities Act* (the Act) as a regulated project designated by OIC 2020/180. The Minister attached terms of reference to review the project and report back to the Minister by no later than May 17, 2021;
- B. The Board is to provide a report and recommendations on the potential benefits, costs, risks and customer impacts that influence whether the BESS Project should proceed as proposed by YEC, and any terms and conditions that the Board considers should apply. Specifically, the Board shall report on and make recommendations about the necessity for the BESS Project and its timing and design;
- C. The Board issued Board Order 2021-03 on February 18, 2021, in which the Board identified a partial proceeding schedule and indicating that a further process schedule, including details on the public hearing and written argument, will be determined after April 9, 2021;

- D. The Board issued Board Order 2021-05 on March 5, 2021, whereby intervener status was granted to ATCO Electric Yukon, Utilities Consumers' Group, Yukon Conservation Society, and John Maissan; and
- E. Parties provided Information Requests (IRs) to YEC by March 19, 2021. YEC provided IR responses by April 1, 2021. No intervener evidence was filed by April 9, 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board orders that:

- 1. The following schedule will be established for the remainder of this process:

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
Submission of written comments by the public	April 30, 2021
Virtual oral hearing	May 4-6, 2021
Final submissions (all registered parties)	May 13, 2021

- 2. YEC will arrange for publication in display-ad format of the attached Appendix A, Notice of Application and Hearing, by April 19, 2021 in such appropriate local news publications in the service area of YEC so as to provide adequate notice to the public.
- 3. YEC will publish information about the virtual hearing in all avenues of social media that it interacts with the public, the content of which will be provided by the Board.

**DATED** at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

BY ORDER

Richard Buchan  
Chair

**YUKON UTILITIES BOARD  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING  
BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECT PROCEEDING**

**Summary of Application**

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The Minister's terms of reference state that the YEC 2016 Resource Plan identified a grid-scale BESS as a medium-term solution to partially address a dependable capacity shortfall for the Yukon Integrated System under its single contingency (N-1) capacity reliability criterion that at the time approximated 6 MW in 2017, increasing to about 13 MW by 2020 and 23-24 MW by 2021.

The Board is to provide a report and recommendations on the potential benefits, costs, risks and customer impacts that influence whether the BESS Project should proceed as proposed by YEC, and any terms and conditions that the Board considers should apply. The Board shall report on and make recommendations about the necessity for the BESS Project and its timing and design.

**Hearing**

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the oral hearing will be convened virtually at 9:00 a.m. **May 4-6, 2021**. The hearing is open to the public to attend and will be accessible via an Internet video-conferencing platform. Connection information will be posted on the Board's website and provided through YEC's social media prior to the hearing.

**Schedule of Proceeding**

The Board has established the following schedule for this proceeding:

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**Public participation**

Any member of the public who wishes to provide comments to the Board prior to the oral hearing is invited to do so in writing by April 30, 2021. Public comments will be posted on the Board's website.

**Application Available**

The Application and supporting documents are available on YEC's website: [www.yukonenergy.ca](http://www.yukonenergy.ca)

The Application and supporting documents are also available on the Board's website:  
<https://yukonutilitiesboard.yk.ca/proceedings/yec-battery-energy-storage-system-bess-project-proceeding/>

**Clarification and Board Contact**

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