

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

and

ATCO Electric Yukon and Yukon Energy Corporation Rate Rebasing Application

BEFORE: R. Buchan, Chair) April 17, 2023
B. King)
L. McCullough)
A. Fortin)

BOARD ORDER 2023-08

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 9, 2023, ATCO Electric Yukon (AEY) and Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) (jointly “the Utilities”) provided a submission (the Application) to the Yukon Utilities Board (Board) outlining various options and providing a recommendation that would incorporate various rate riders into existing base rates. The submission is in response to a direction given by the Board in Board Order 2022-07,¹ which stated:

The Board is concerned that customers may find the application of YEC’s and AEY’s riders to be confusing. Therefore, the Board directs YEC and AEY to provide, within 180 days of issuance of this Order, a proposal to the Board on incorporating these riders into existing base rates.²

- B. The Application from the Utilities identified four categories of charges in customer bills (base rates, base rate adjustment riders, stabilization mechanisms and other riders, and government subsidies);

¹ Board Order 2022-07, YEC 2021 GRA Compliance Filing, July 12, 2022.

² Appendix A to Board Order 2022-07, PDF page 5, paragraph 19

- C. The Utilities noted that rate rebasing in Yukon is constrained by Yukon Government rate policy requirements such as OIC 1995/090 and specifically sections 2.1(1) and 7.1 of that OIC. The Utilities identified four options for Board consideration that are compliant with government rate policy requirements. These are maintaining the status quo, rolling rate base adjustment riders into base rates, a limited scope Phase 2 GRA to roll base rate adjustment riders into base rates, and rolling base rate adjustment riders into base rates on the billing statement only. The fourth option was recommended by the Utilities;
- D. The Board issued Board Order 2023-04 (January 20, 2023) outlining a process for this proceeding. The process steps included Information Requests to the Utilities, information responses from the Utilities, final written submissions from interested parties and final written submissions from the Utilities;
- E. Approval for this proceeding was provided by the Minister of Justice on February 14, 2023;
- F. Information requests were submitted to the Utilities by February 15, 2023, information responses were received from the Utilities by March 1, 2023, final comments from interested parties occurred by March 9, 2023 and reply comments were received from the Utilities on March 15, 2023; and
- G. The Board considers the record for this proceeding closed as of March 15, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board orders that:

In accordance with the reasons set out in Appendix A to this Board Order, the Board approves Option 4 and the implementation plan for Option 4 as presented by the Utilities.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 17th day of April 2023.

BY ORDER

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Buchan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Buchan
Chair