

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

and

ATCO Electric Yukon 2023-24 General Rate Application

BEFORE: R. Buchan, Chair) July 14, 2023
L. McCullough)
B. King)
A. Fortin)
M. Johnson)

BOARD ORDER 2023-13

[*Erratum noted at the end of this Order]

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 7, 2023, Yukon Electrical Company Limited, carrying on business as ATCO Electric Yukon (AEY), filed an application with the Yukon Utilities Board (the Board) pursuant to *the Public Utilities Act* (the Act) and *Order-in-Council 1995/90*, requesting an order approving a forecast revenue requirement for 2023 and 2024 (Application). AEY provides electrical services to customers in 19 Yukon communities. In addition, the Application seeks approval of:
- An interim refundable rate rider (Rider R) of 6.68% effective August 1, 2023;
 - An interim refundable rate rider (Rider R) of 13.5% effective January 1, 2024;
 - Approval for the following deferral accounts:
 - Board Orders or Legislative changes
 - Industrial Rider R Flow Through
 - Purchased Power Flow Through
 - Independent Power Producers (IPP) Flow Through
 - Diesel Fuel Deferral Account;

- B. AEY’s last General Rate Application was submitted in May 2016;
- C. AEY proposes to host a Procedural Conference, the purposes of which would include assessing interest in a Negotiated Settlement Process (NSP);
- D. AEY also proposes that for regulatory efficiency the number of intervener Information Requests (IRs) be limited to a maximum of 50, including sub-parts; and
- E. AEY seeks the Board’s approval for revenue requirements of \$60.992 million for 2023 and \$68.096 million for 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board orders, subject to the Board receiving ministerial approval to hold a hearing on the Application, that:

1. Parties intending to participate in the proceeding are to register in writing with the Board Secretary by no later than Friday, August 4, 2023, indicating the nature of their interest and the issues of interest in relation to the Application.
2. Given the length of time since AEY’s last General Rate Application, the Board considers it to be in the public interest to require a full, transparent, and open public process regarding the Application, and therefore the Board:
 - (a) denies an NSP for this proceeding; and
 - (b) denies AEY’s proposal to limit the number of intervener IRs to 50, including sub-parts.
3. Subject to possible subsequent adjustments, the Board hereby establishes the following process schedule:

Action	Date (2023)
AEY Procedural Conference	July 27
Interveners register with the Board	August 4
Interveners file submissions regarding AEY interim rate request	August 4
AEY reply to interveners’ interim rate submissions	August 10
IRs to AEY	August 24
IR Responses from AEY	September 14
AEY files depreciation parameter information	August 31
Interveners file any motions regarding IR Responses from AEY	September 21
IRs to AEY on depreciation parameters	September 26
IR Responses from AEY on depreciation parameters	October 10
Intervener evidence	October 19
IRs on intervener evidence	October 26
IR Responses on intervener evidence	November 2
Rebuttal evidence	November 9
Oral public hearing	November 20-23
Final argument	December 5
Reply argument	December 12

4. Persons registering to participate in the proceeding may also provide comments not later than August 4, 2023 on AEY’s request for an interim refundable rate. AEY may reply to any comments received by August 10, 2023.

5. AEY shall, not later than July 21, 2023, publish in display-ad format the Notice of Application and Hearing, attached as Appendix A, in such appropriate local news publications in AEY's service area to provide adequate notice to the public. AEY shall also publish the Notice of Application and Hearing on its website and its social media channels.
6. The Application and supporting material shall be published and made available for download on AEY's website: atcoelectricityukon.com, as well as in hard copy upon request to AEY.
7. The Application and supporting documents are also available on the Board's website at the following URL: <https://yukonutilitiesboard.yk.ca/proceedings/atco-electric-yukons-2023-2024-general-rate-application/>

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 14th day of July 2023.

BY ORDER

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Buchan', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Richard Buchan
Chair

*[*Erratum: The original version of this Board Order mistakenly identified the underlined filing dates for intervener submissions and AEY reply in clauses 1 and 4. Apart from those dates being corrected, no other changes have been made to the body of the Order itself.]*

**YUKON UTILITIES BOARD
NOTICE OF APPLICATION,
PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE AND HEARING**

Workshop

Time: [To be determined by AEY].
Date: July 27, 2023
Location: [To be determined by AEY]
in Whitehorse, Yukon

Summary of Application

The Yukon Electrical Company Limited, carrying on business as ATCO Electric Yukon (AEY), has filed an application with the Yukon Utilities Board (Board) requesting an order approving its forecast revenue requirements for the two-year test period 2023 and 2024 (Application). AEY provides electrical services to customers in 19 communities.

AEY is seeking approval of forecast revenue requirements of \$60.992 million for 2023 and \$68.096 million for 2024. This represents a decrease of \$1.211 million for 2023 over revenues from existing rates and riders of \$62.203 million (1.9% decrease). For 2024, this represents an increase of \$7,914 million over the proposed 2023 revenue requirement (13% increase).

In addition, in its Application, AEY is also seeking approval of an interim refundable rate rider (Rider R) for 2023 of 6.68% (down 1.62% from the existing approved 8.3% for Rider R) for retail and industrial firm rates, effective August 1, 2023. AEY is also requesting a Rider R increase of 5.2% above the current 8.3% for retail and industrial firm rates, effective January 1, 2024.

Procedural Conference

AEY will hold a Procedural Conference regarding the Application on **Thursday, July 27, 2023** at a time and venue to be determined by AEY in Whitehorse, Yukon. The Procedural Conference is designed to assist the public in gaining a better understanding of the Application and process surrounding the Application.

Hearing

An oral public hearing regarding the Application will take place in Whitehorse, Yukon. The venue for the hearing will be determined by the Board at a later date.

Schedule of Proceeding

Pending Ministerial approval, the Board has established the following schedule for this proceeding:

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Interventions

Interveners actively participate in a proceeding, including the filing of evidence (if needed), argument, and reply argument.

Interveners intending to participate in the workshop, hearing, and other process steps are to register in writing with the Board's Executive Secretary by no later than August 4, 2023, indicating the nature of their interest and the issues of interest in relation to the Application. Interveners are also to submit any comments regarding AEY's interim rate request at that time

Registration for AEY's procedural conference by an intervener, member of the public, or organization is to be determined by AEY.

Application Available

The Application and supporting documents are available on AEY's website: www.atcoelectricityukon.com

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Clarification and Board Contact

Persons who wish to intervene or present, and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Deana Lemke, Executive Secretary, Yukon Utilities Board, by telephone at (867) 667-5058, in writing at Box 31728, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 6L3, by email to yub@utilitiesboard.yk.ca or by fax at (867) 667-5059.