

# YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

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

and

### Yukon Energy Corporation 2023-24 General Rate Application

**BEFORE:** R. Buchan, Chair ) September 7, 2023  
L. McCullough, Vice-Chair )  
B. King )  
A. Fortin )  
M. Johnson )

### BOARD ORDER 2023-19

#### WHEREAS:

A. On August 31, 2023, Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC), filed a General Rate 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 (the Application). YEC is the main generator and transmitter of electrical energy in the Yukon and directly serves over 2,300 customers in and around Dawson City, Mayo, and Faro and two industrial customers. The Application seeks approval of:

- The forecast net revenue requirement of \$80.688 million for 2023 and \$89.673 million for 2024;
- An increase to Rider J of 4.80%, bringing Rider J to 39.64%, effective October 1, 2023;
- A further increase to Rider J of 12.02%, bringing Rider J to 51.66%, effective January 1, 2024;
- Implementation of an interim refundable Fixed Charge for VGC Group of \$46,554.84 per month and for Hecla Yukon of \$21,295.74 per month effective January 1, 2024;
- Approval of final rates effective August 1, 2024; and
- Approval for existing deferral accounts plus the approval of a new IPP Purchase Cost Deferral Account;

- B. YEC proposes hosting a technical workshop designed to assist the public in gaining a better understanding of the Application and process surrounding the application; and
- C. YEC also proposes that for regulatory efficiency the number of intervener Information Requests (IRs) be limited to a maximum of 50, including sub-parts.

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

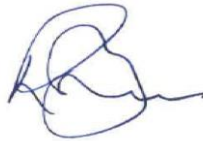
1. Parties intending to participate in the proceeding are to register in writing with the Board’s Executive Secretary by no later than Friday, September 22, 2023, indicating the nature of their interest and the issues of interest in relation to the Application.
2. The Board considers it to be in the public interest to require a full, transparent, and open public process regarding the Application, and given the magnitude of the proposed increase in the revenue requirement for each of the test years, the Board denies YEC’s proposal to limit the number of intervener IRs to 50, including sub-parts.
3. Given the timing of the Application, the size of the Application, and the requirement to provide interested parties with sufficient notice, the Board is unable to meet YEC’s October 1, 2023 deadline to implement interim rates. The Board will endeavour to provide a ruling on interim rates for a November 1, 2023 implementation.
4. The Board determines that a better date for YEC’s technical workshop is October 11, 2023, and should be accessible to interested parties.
5. Subject to possible subsequent adjustments, the Board hereby establishes following process schedule:

Action	Date
Interveners register with the Board	September 22, 2023
Comments from interested parties on proposed interim rates	September 22, 2023
Interim rate submission reply by YEC	September 27, 2023
YEC technical workshop	October 11, 2023
IRs to YEC	November 1, 2023
IR responses from YEC	November 29, 2023
Interveners file any motions regarding IR responses from YEC	December 7, 2023
Intervener evidence	January 11, 2024
IRs on intervener evidence	January 19, 2024
IR responses from intervener evidence	January 30, 2024
Rebuttal evidence	February 8, 2024
Oral public hearing in Whitehorse	March 4-7, 2024
Final day to submit outstanding undertakings	March 12, 2024
Final argument	March 22, 2024
Reply argument	March 29, 2024

6. Persons registering to participate in the proceeding may also provide comments by September 27, 2023 on YEC's request for an interim refundable rate. YEC may reply to any comments received by October 4, 2023.
7. YEC shall, not later than September 13, 2023, publish in display-ad format the Notice of Application and Hearing attached as Appendix A in such appropriate local news publications in YEC's service area to provide adequate notice to the public. YEC will also publish the Notice of Application and Hearing on its website and its social media channels and provide electronic copies of its Application materials to the known list of interveners in Yukon.
8. The Application and supporting material shall be published and made available for download on YEC's website: [www.yukonenergy.ca](http://www.yukonenergy.ca) as well as in hard copy upon request to YEC.
9. The Application and supporting materials are also available on the Board's website: <https://yukonutilitiesboard.yk.ca/proceedings/yec-2023-gra/>

**DATED** at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

BY ORDER

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

Richard Buchan  
Chair