

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

and

ATCO Electric Yukon 2023-24 General Rate Application

BEFORE: R. Buchan, Chair) October 19, 2023
L. McCullough, Vice-Chair)
B. King)
A. Fortin)
M. Johnson)

BOARD ORDER 2023-24

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 (Board) pursuant to the *Public Utilities Act* and *Order-in-Council 1995/90* requesting an order approving a forecast revenue requirement for 2023 and 2024 (Application);
- B. On July 14, 2023, the Board issued Board Order 2023-13 in which it set out the process schedule for the Application. The Board subsequently amended the process schedule by way of Board Orders 2023-15 and 2023-18;
- C. Pursuant to these Orders, interveners sent Information Requests (IRs) to AEY by September 6, 2023, and AEY provided IR Responses by September 28, 2023;
- D. On October 5, 2023, the Board received motions from interveners Nathaniel Yee and the Utilities Consumers' Group (UCG) requesting that the Board direct AEY to provide further and better IR Responses;
- E. The Board issued a memorandum on October 6, 2023 outlining the process pertaining to this motion. AEY provided a response on October 10, 2023. Mr. Yee and UCG provided replies on October 12, 2023; and

- F. The Board has considered the motions from Mr. Yee and UCG, the response from AEY, and the replies from Mr. Yee and UCG in making its determination on the need for further IR Responses in this proceeding, as outlined in Appendices A and B.

NOW THEREFORE, based on the reasons set out below and in Appendices A and B, the Board directs as follows:

1. AEY shall provide further and better responses to the IRs identified in Appendices A and B attached to this Board Order by October 24, 2023.
2. In respect of the hyperlinks contained in the Application and in some of its IR Responses, AEY is to file by October 24, 2023, a separate document referencing the location (PDF page number) of the hyperlink in the Application or the IR number and PDF page number in the IR Responses.
3. AEY is further ordered to file the actual documents that the hyperlinks refer to by October 24, 2023.
4. In response to IR AEY-YUB-22(a), AEY referenced BCUC Decision G-236-23. For regulatory efficiency, AEY shall file that decision on the record of this proceeding by October 24, 2023.
5. In response to AEY-YUB-046(a), the Board requested that AEY update GRA Schedule S9.2 to include references to all applicable business case numbers AEY provided in the Application. The Board notes that this appears to have largely been done; however, certain business cases for which costs appeared on multiple lines within GRA Schedule S9.2 do not include a reference to the business case.¹ Accordingly, the Board requires AEY to respond to AEY-YUB-046(a) and “insert an additional column in GRA Schedule S9.2 providing the business case reference to each of the line items in that schedule” for all business cases.
6. While AEY has, in several IR Responses, confirmed that the “presentation” of certain information in GRA Schedule S9.2 is not accurate and committed to updating this information in its compliance filing.²

¹ As one example, the response to AEY-YUB-054(c) states: “(c) Business Case #01 was split into two different line items within Schedule S9.2 to differentiate between asset classes within the project. Table 3 reflects the sum of the 2023 and 2024 Test Period values in line 191 and line 322 of S9.2.” The Board notes that line 322 on AEY-YUB-046(a) Attachment 1 does not reference Business Case #01 at line 322.

² As one example, the response to AEY-YUB-062(a) states: “(a) The streetlights for stage 3D and 3E were inadvertently included in line 146 Whistle Bend Stage 3 in the presentation of Schedule 9.2. AEY will break these costs out in the updated Schedule to be filed in the Compliance Filing to the Application.” Similar explanations were also provided in response to AEY-YUB-041(a), (vii) and (viii), AEY-YUB-041(b), (vii) and (viii), and AEY-YUB-054(d).

7. The Board finds that those updates to GRA Schedule S9.2 to reflect the correct actual and/or forecast information for each business case or portion thereof are required before the oral hearing to ensure that the Board has a complete record. AEY is to file those updates by October 24, 2023.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 19th day of October 2023.

BY ORDER



Richard Buchan
Chair