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Yukon Utilities Board
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Attn: Mr. Bruce McLennan
YUB Chair

Re: Leading Edge Projects' Participant Cost Award claim for Yukon Energy Corporation (Yukon Energy) 2012 – 2013 General Rate Application (GRA) before the Yukon Utilities Board

Dear Mr. McLennan:

This letter and the attached supporting information constitute the Leading Edge Projects Inc.'s (Leading Edge) Participant Cost Award claim. The Yukon Utilities Board's (the "Board") consideration of this claim totaling \$13,860.00, with GST, is appreciated.

Attached are copies of completed Forms 1 through 4 as required by the Board's Scale of Costs (Approved in Board order 2012-09). Forms 1 through 3 detail the time and disbursements claimed, and Form 4 (Affidavit of Fees and Disbursements) confirms that they were indeed incurred.

Please note that the time claim includes, for illustrative purposes, an hourly rate of \$100 as Leading Edge was an unrepresented intervenor. Leading Edge understands that the hourly rate is at the discretion of the Board. The hours spent in attendance at the hearing have not been included; instead an honorarium of \$50 per half day of attendance at the hearing is claimed as per the Board's Scale of Costs.

John Maissan of Leading Edge is well qualified to be an effective intervenor. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Yukon, with a Permit to Practice from the Association of Professional Engineers of Yukon. John held senior engineering positions for about 14 years with Yukon Energy, and has in the past been a member of a Yukon Energy witness panel in proceedings before the Board on a few occasions. With this background he has a broad familiarity with the regulated electrical utilities of Yukon and with their technical issues in particular. John has had his own consulting business (Leading Edge) since 2003 and has been an observer or an active participant in several

Board proceedings since then. Leading Edge has a renewable energy focus and provides services throughout Canada and, from time to time, outside Canada.

Leading Edge (John Maissan) was granted Intervenor status in Board Order 2012-04. John Maissan participated in all aspects of the hearing process. He reviewed Yukon Energy's application, participated in the GRA Workshop (May 30, 2012), participated in Yukon Energy's requests for interim refundable rates (both for 2012 and for 2013), prepared and submitted Interrogatory Requests on the Application, cross-examined Yukon Energy during the oral hearing, prepared and submitted Written Argument, and prepared and submitted Reply Argument.

In the GRA proceeding Leading Edge represented the long term public interest with respect to electricity costs and the long term public interest in the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Leading Edge brings to the fore a voice based on a broad knowledge of, expertise in, and familiarity with Yukon's electricity sector yet independent of the electric utilities. Leading Edge does not represent a particular interest group, and does not limit itself to specific points of view.

In this Yukon Energy GRA, leading Edge addressed issues related to the following: the generation sources on which rates are based (hydro – diesel mix); some aspects of revenue requirement; the diesel contingency fund; the reserve for injuries and damages; issues of rates and costs, as well as the obligation to serve, regarding industrial customers; water flows and generation issues; capital projects (and costs); and studies related to new energy supply / generation projects.

Leading Edge decided to appear before the Board because it believed that no other intervenor or combinations of intervenors would be able to bring to the Board for consideration the perspectives of someone technically informed and experienced in Yukon's electricity sector yet independent of the electric utilities.

With respect to minimizing duplication with other intervenors, Leading Edge coordinated its efforts with the Yukon Conservation Society so as not to have duplication in their areas of interest, namely in representing wind energy as a potentially viable source of electricity, energy conservation, and environmental impacts of the LNG generation option. During the course of the hearing Leading Edge noted subjects which other intervenors addressed and did not repeat cross-examination on those subjects.

As the sole practitioner in Leading Edge, any time spent by John Maissan on this matter is time not available to other clients at his normal charge-out rate, so there is incentive to minimize this time. Given John Maissan's more than 20 years experience working for Yukon Energy or in private practice in matters related to the electricity sector, the maximum allowed rate for an unrepresented intervenor of \$100 per hour is well below the \$270 per hour rate allowed for consultants, experts, or analysts with a similar amount of experience. Legal council with one or more years of experience would also be more than double this rate. Proceeding transcripts were not necessary for Leading Edge's timely preparation of Final Argument (and Reply Argument) in this proceeding as the Board made the transcripts available to the parties as well as on its web site very quickly. All other office expenses such as copying and telephone are absorbed within Leading Edge's fees. Attendance at the hearing attracted only a \$50 per ½ day honorarium.

Leading Edge acknowledges that the fees ultimately approved by the Board for its intervention is based on the Board's judgment on the effectiveness of Leading Edge's intervention and is entirely at the Board's discretion.

The effectiveness of Leading Edge's participation in the proceeding is characterized by the clear and succinct communications with the Board, the IRs asked of the Utilities, the cross examination of Utilities' panels, and the Final and Reply Arguments submitted. Several important matters discussed by Leading Edge were either not addressed or addressed in a more limited manner by other intervenors, including: basing rates on 100% long term average hydro; capital monies spent on non-owned Minto diesels; holding some potentially viable hydro project study costs as work in progress; power service to industrial customers; and corporate communications costs. Other issues to which Leading Edge contributed include wind generation; depreciation rates; DSM and SSE; and the diesel contingency fund.

Confirmation of the effectiveness of and relevancy to the issues of the participation can be found in the Board's Reasons for Decision to Board Order 2010-13. There are references to Leading Edge's position on many key issues including basing rates on long term average hydro; the capital spent on the non-owned Minto diesels; holding potentially viable hydro study projects in WIP; corporate communications costs; and others.

Should the Board have any questions on this Participant cost award claim, I would be pleased to answer them.

Respectfully submitted,



John Maissan
C. Yukon Energy GRA circulation list, by email

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Summary of total costs claimed Form 1 Page 1 of 1

Date <u>APRIL 12, 2013</u>	Total Fees	Total Disbursements	GST	Total Fees, Disbursements, & GST
			Total GST on Fees & Disbursements	
Firm/Company Name <u>LEADING EDGE PROJECTS INC.</u>	<u>\$ 13,200.00</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>\$ 660.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,860.00</u>
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TOTAL COSTS CLAIMED				

Claimant LEADING EDGE PROJECTS INC.
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Applicant(s) YUKON ENERGY CORP
 Application(s) No. 2012-2013 GRA (Phase 1)
 Hearing Yukon Energy 2012-2013 GRA

Yukon Utilities Board

Summary of professional fees claimed
Form 2 - Page 1 of 2

Date APRIL 12, 2013

PROFESSIONAL FEES											GST	Total
FIRM/COMPANY NAME	Years of Experience	Hourly Wage	Preparation		Attendance		Argument & Reply		Total Fees		Total GST on Professional Fees	Fees & GST
			Hours	Fees	Hours	Fees	Hours	Fees	Hours	Fees		
LEADING EDGE PROJECTS INC.												
Individual Name												
JOHN MAISSAN	~ 20	\$100.00	98.25	\$9,825.00			30.75	\$3,075.00	129.00	\$12,900.00	\$645.00	\$13,545.00
Individual Name												
JOHN MAISSAN	~ 20	\$50 / 1/2 day			6 x 1/2 days	\$300.00			6 x 1/2 days	\$300.00	\$15.00	\$315.00
Individual Name												
Individual Name												
Individual Name												
Total This Company			98.25	\$9,825.00	6 x 1/2 days	\$300.00	30.75	\$3,075.00	129 hrs 6 x 1/2 days	\$13,200.00	\$660.00	\$13,860.00

FIRM/COMPANY NAME												
Individual Name	Years of Experience	Hourly Wage	Preparation Hours	Preparation Fees	Attendance Hours	Attendance Fees	Argument & Reply Hours	Argument & Reply Fees	Total Fees Hours	Total Fees Fees	Total GST on Professional Fees	Fees & GST
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Claimant LEADING EDGE PROJECTS INC.

Hearing YUKON ENERGY 2012-2013 GRA (Phase 1)

Applicant (s) YUKON ENERGY CORP.

Applicati on(s) No. 2012-2013 GRA (Phase 1)

Summary of Professional Fees Claimed

Yukon Utilities Board

Date APRIL 12, 2013

PROFESSIONAL FEES											GST	Total
Years of Experience	Hourly Wage	Preparation		Attendance		Argument & Reply		Total Fees		Total GST on Professional Fees	Fees & GST	
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TOTAL PROFESSIONAL FEES CLAIMED

98.25	\$ 3,825.00	6 1/2 days	\$ 300.00	30.75	\$ 3,075.00	129 hrs	6 1/2 days	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 660	13,860.00
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Applicant(s) YUKON ENERGY CORP.

Hearing YUKON ENERGY 2012-2013 GRA (Phase 1)

Application(s) No. YUKON ENERGY 2012-2013 GRA (Phase 1)

Yukon Utilities Board

Summary of disbursements claimed

Date APRIL 12, 2013

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Disbursements Claimed (exclusive of GST)	Name of Claimant	Name of Claimant	Name of Claimant	Name of Claimant	Total Disbursements
	JOHN MAISSAN				
Airfare					
Accommodation (maximum \$150/day)					
Meals (maximum at GY rates)					
Mileage (maximum at GY rates)					
Taxi					
Parking					
Car rental					
Transcripts					
Postage					
Courier/delivery					
Telephone/long distance					
Fax (\$1.00/page)					
Internal photocopying (\$.10/copy)					
External printing					
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS					
Total GST on Disbursements	NIL				NIL

Claimant LEADING EDGE PROJECTS INC.

Applicant(s) YUKON ENERGY CORP.

Hearing YUKON ENERGY 2012-2013 GRA (phase 1)

Application(s) No. YUKON ENERGY 2012-2013 GRA (phase 1)

Yukon Utilities Board

Affidavit of Fees and Disbursements Form 4

Affidavit of fees and disbursements claimed in the matter of a claim for costs made by

LEADING EDGE PROJECTS INC. for participation in a proceeding before the

Yukon Utilities Board with respect to the following Application: YUKON ENERGY 2012-2013 GRA

I, JOHN MAISSAN, of the (city/town) of WHITEHORSE and the Territory/Province of YUKON,

MAKE OATH (OR AFFIRM) AND SAY THAT:

- 1) I am the PRESIDENT of the cost claimant LEADING EDGE PROJECTS^{Inc.} (the "Claimant") and as such have personal knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to, except where stated to be based on information and belief, and where so stated, I do verily believe to be true.
- 2) The Claimant was an (applicant/intervener) in a proceeding (the "Proceeding") before the Board with respect to the above application(s).
- 3) The Claimant incurred fees and disbursements (exclusive of GST) in the amount of \$ 13,200 as a result of its participation in the Proceeding. Additionally, the Claimant incurred GST on the above fees and disbursements in the amount of \$ 660.00.
- 4) I have personally reviewed the accounts of the Claimant's [lawyer(s), consultant(s), witness(s)], including the supporting documentation as required by the *Scale of Costs*, and confirm that these accounts represent work performed at the specific request of the Claimant.
- 5) I have personally reviewed all receipts, invoices, or accounts for transcripts, airfare, or accommodation and confirm that they represent disbursements incurred at the specific request of the Claimant.
- 6) I confirm that the fees and disbursements claimed on behalf of the Claimant's lawyer(s), expert(s), or consultant(s) are reasonable and in accordance with the *Scale of Costs*.
- 7) (If necessary) The fees claimed on behalf of _____ are in excess of the *Scale of Costs*. However, I believe that the Claimant should be entitled to recover such costs because: _____

8) To the best of my knowledge and belief, the fees and disbursements claimed by the Claimant represent fees and disbursements incurred necessarily and reasonably for the purpose of the Proceeding.

9) (If necessary) The Claimant is entitled to a rebate in connection with the Federal Goods and Services Tax to the extent of ____%. The Claimant's GST number is 88355 1004 RT0001

SWORN (OR AFFIRMED) before me at the (City/Town, etc.) of Whitehorse in the Province/Territory of Yukon on (date) 12 Apr 2013.

Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths

Signature of Affiant


Katherine BRENT-BRAKEFIELD
Notary Public in and for the Yukon Territory
My Commission Expires June 5, 2017.
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