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Yukon Utilities Board
Box 3178
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Attn: Mr. Bruce McLennan, Chair

Dear Mr. McLennan:

Re: Board Order 2012-04 Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) Request for Interim Refundable Rates

In their 2012-2013 General Rate Application (GRA) Yukon Energy outlines various actions that they have undertaken that have the effect of preventing rate increases that would otherwise have been required. Without discussing at this time whether these actions were or are appropriate in the circumstances it is fair to say that consumer electrical rates have remained lower than the actual full cost of supplying that electricity.

As a consequence we find that home contractors and consumers are making inefficient decisions with respect to the use of electricity – in particular the installation of electric heat which is further driving up winter power loads and expensive winter diesel power generation.

For these reasons I support the requested interim refundable rates proposed by Yukon Energy to be implemented on July 1. In my view the sooner all consumers experience costs closer to the actual cost of electricity the sooner efficient consumer decisions will be made with respect to the use (or conservation) of that electricity.

Regards,

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