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Yukon Utilities Board  
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**Attention: Wendy Shanks, Chair**

UCG

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD		
<b>EXHIBIT</b>		C3-1
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**Re: Utilities Consumers' Group Intervener Registration**

Dear Ms. Shanks:

The UCG would like register our organization as an intervener in the 2008 General Rate Application filed by the YECL. We would like to be copied all the relevant information.

The nature of our representation is to protect the interests of residential and small business consumers of electricity, the largest ratepayer group in these proceedings. UCG notes that the record shows we have been the only consistent representative of this ratepayer group in all rate and capital hearings since 1993. Without input from our organization there will be no representation for this ratepayer group, which would not be in the public interest.

UCG does not plan on participating in any of the pre hearing nor hearing processes as there are no consultants willing to partake in such when there is no opportunity to recover costs. Our organization would encourage all local interveners to also not attend these regulatory proceedings to send a strong message to the Board that they have made a grave error in judgment in exercising their discretion.

The Yukon Utilities Board members have been successful in belittling and marginalizing local interveners, with special focus on our organization. It is interesting to note that the Board is now scrambling to stir local interest by holding the first ever information session last month. It appears the Board is now running scared, i.e. that the Board and the Utilities will be the only parties at future hearings, also not exactly in the public interest.

UCG plans to file limited interrogatories and final argument. Our organization is unable to hire utility nor energy consultants as the Board's past discretion is to offer only a small stipend in cost recovery. The result is that no one is willing to work that far below fair market

value. UCG would be able to hire the same legal representation as he was allowed to recover full value of his services. But this would simply be an exercise in futility, when there

is no one available to offer background and researched information to base legal argument.

There is also no one at UCG willing to offer free organizational and coordination time for

a  
thorough intervention, i.e. the Board has used its discretion to discredit such work as not available for cost recovery.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Roger Rondeau  
President, Utilities Consumers' Group

C.c. All interested parties