

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*
and
An Application by Yukon Electrical Company Ltd.
for Approval of Revenue Requirements for 2016 and 2017

BEFORE: R. Laking, Chair) September 2, 2016
A. Fortin)
M. Hannam)
B. King)

BOARD ORDER 2016-04

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 11, 2016, Yukon Electrical Company Limited (YECL), carrying on business as ATCO Electric Yukon, filed an application with the Yukon Utilities Board (Board), pursuant to the *Public Utilities Act (Act)*, and Order-In-Council 1995/90, requesting an order approving a forecast revenue requirement for 2016 and 2017 (Application). In addition, the Application seeks approval of:
- an interim refundable rate rider of 11.62 percent, effective July 1, 2016;
 - the continued use of currently approved deferral accounts, including purchase power flow-through, fuel price flow-through, and defined benefit pension costs during the test period; and
 - new deferral accounts related to liquefied natural gas fuel price changes, statutory tax rate change, feasibility studies and costs arising from Board Orders or legislative provisions not currently contemplated;
- B. On May 27, 2016, the Board issued Board Order 2016-01 providing notice of the General Rate Application (GRA), and setting a process schedule for the Application;
- C. Information requests (IRs) were submitted to YECL by the Board and interveners;
- D. YECL filed IR responses on August 9, 2016;
- E. On August 12, 2016, UCG submitted a motion requesting that the Board issue an order requiring YECL to provide adequate responses to certain IRs submitted by the UCG and identified in the motion. UCG identified 36 IR responses that it argued were deficient. In support of its motion, UCG submitted that it was particularly concerned with the lack of business case analyses provided for many of YECL's capital projects that continue to be a significant rate driver. UCG added that the requested information

and detailed calculations were needed to complete a robust analysis of the proposed revenue requirement;

- F. On August 18, 2016, the Board invited comments from YECL on UCG's motion. Comments were due on August 24, 2016 and reply comments from UCG were due on August 29, 2016;
- G. In a follow-up letter, UCG requested that the Board consider delaying the deadline for filing intervener evidence until after the UCG motion is decided;
- H. In its August 22, 2016 memorandum, the Board stated that it would address the UCG's request for a revised deadline for filing its evidence in its decision on UCG's motion regarding YECL IR responses. The Board directed all other interveners to adhere to the schedule for filing intervener evidence on August 23, 2016;
- I. The Board has considered the UCG motion, the response from YECL and the UCG reply in making its determination on the need for further IR responses in this proceeding, as outlined in Appendix A; and
- J. The Board has reviewed YECL's responses to the IRs and considers that the Board IRs designated in Appendix A to this Order require further and better responses.

NOW THEREFORE the Board orders as follows:

- 1. YECL shall provide further and better IR responses to UCG and to the Board in accordance with the Reasons attached in Appendix A to this Board Order by September 9, 2016.
- 2. The Board amends the process schedule for UCG to file its evidence as follows:

Action	Date (2016)
UCG Evidence	September 16
IRs to UCG	September 22
IR responses from UCG	October 4

The remainder of the schedule remains unchanged.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 2th day of September 2016.

BY ORDER



Bob Laking
Chair