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June 17, 2016

Bob Laking, Chair
Yukon Utilities Board
Box 3178
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Dear Mr. ^{Bob}Laking,

**RE: YUKON ELECTRICAL COMPANY LTD. GENERAL RATE APPLICATION -
YUKON UTILITIES BOARD HEARING**

Thank you for your letter of May 27, 2016, regarding the Yukon Electrical Company Ltd.'s General Rate Application of May 11, 2016.

As your letter indicates, section 50 of the *Public Utilities Act* requires written ministerial approval in advance of any inquiry or public hearing under the *Act*. In Board Order 2016-01, dated May 27, 2016, your Board sets out the process by which the hearing process will be carried out.

Having reviewed the relevant facts, I accept the Board's requirement for conducting a hearing, and I approve any necessary expenditures for the process.

Thank you for your advice on this matter and for your Board's continuing contributions.

Sincerely,

Brad Cathers
Minister of Justice

Attachment



IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

and

**An Application by Yukon Electrical Company Limited
for Approval of Revenue Requirements for 2016 and 2017**

BEFORE: R. Laking, Chair) May 27, 2016
 A. Fortin)
 M. Hannam)
 B. King)

BOARD ORDER 2016-01

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). YECL provides electrical services to customers in 19 communities. 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. YECL is seeking approval of revenue requirements of \$53,890,000 for 2016 and \$56,173,000 for 2017. These amounts represent a cumulative rate increase of 4.4 and 7.5 percent respectively, and year-over-year rate increases of 4.4 and 3.1 percent respectively; and
- C. Pending ministerial approval, the Board establishes the process, as follows, in relation to the Application.