

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

and

Yukon Energy Corporation 2023-2024 General Rate Application

BEFORE: R. Buchan, Chair) December 22, 2023
L. McCullough, Vice-Chair)
B. King)
A. Fortin)
M. Johnson)

BOARD ORDER 2023-25

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 31, 2023, Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC), filed an application with the Yukon Utilities Board (the Board) pursuant to the Public Utilities Act (the Act) and Order-in-Council 1995/90, requesting an order approving a forecast revenue requirement for 2023 and 2024 (the Application);
- B. On September 7, 2023, the Board issued Board Order 2023-19 in which it set out the process schedule for the Application;
- C. Interveners sent information requests (IRs) to YEC by November 1, 2023. YEC provided IR responses by November 29, 2023;
- D. On December 7, 2023, the Board received motions from Mr. Nathaniel Yee and the Utilities Consumers' Group (UCG) requesting that the Board direct YEC to provide further and better IR responses;
- E. The Board issued a memorandum on December 8, 2023, outlining the process pertaining to this motion. On December 8, 2023, Mr. Yee requested an extension of the reply date to December 18, 2023. The Board granted Mr. Yee's request through a memo issued on December 12, 2023. YEC provided a response on December 12, 2023, and Mr. Yee replied on December 18, 2023. The UCG did not provide any reply;
- F. The Board has considered the motions from Mr. Yee and the UCG, the response from YEC, and the reply from Mr. Yee in making its determination on the need for further IR responses in this proceeding.

NOW THEREFORE, based on the submissions and reasons set out in Appendices A and B to this order, the Board directs as follows:

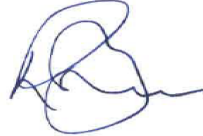
1. YEC shall provide further responses to the Board IRs as set out in Appendix A not later than January 4, 2024.
2. YEC shall, not later than January 4, 2024, provide further and better responses to Mr. Yee's IRs according to the Board's directions in Appendix B, as follows:
 - a. In respect of IR NY-YEC-1-2(a) and (b) and having considered the submissions summarized in the table in Appendix B, the Board considers the prudence of expenditures and system reliability. YEC's response to this IR brings into question the reliability of the diesel units under a sustained N-1 condition, as no evidence has been provided regarding the changed capacity of all diesel generator units. As a result, the Board directs YEC to provide either documentation or reasons that justify the changing of the dependable capacities for the diesel generator units.
 - b. In respect of IR NY-YEC-1-04 and having considered the submissions summarized in the table in Appendix B, the Board finds that Mr. Yee's request to put the relevant capacity limits with the stacking order will provide information useful to the Board. Therefore, the Board directs YEC to reproduce the stacking order with the relevant capacity limits for each of the units referenced.
 - c. In respect of IR NY-YEC-1-13, and having considered the submissions summarized in the table in Appendix B, the Board finds that YEC has responded to this IR. Mr. Yee's motion is for follow-up information that was not included in the original IR. No further action is required from YEC.
 - d. In respect of IR NY-YEC-1-014 (a) and (b), and having considered the submissions contained in the table above, the Board finds as follows:
 - I. Part (a): The Board finds that Mr. Yee's request is reasonable, and the information requested may be of assistance to the Board. The Board therefore directs YEC to produce a higher resolution copy of the site layout as requested by Mr. Yee. Further, if YEC has the information on the specifications and model number of the generators to the FGS, it shall provide that response to Mr. Yee. If YEC does not have the specifications and model numbers, then it shall confirm that fact.
 - II. Part (b): The Board agrees with YEC that these are matters between YEC and a separate regulator. Unless Mr. Yee can show that the impugned information has a prudency effect on YEC's revenue requirement for the 2023 and 2024 test years, no further action is required from YEC for this IR response.
 - e. In respect of IR NY-YEC-1-015 (b) and (e), and having considered the

submissions contained in the table in Appendix B, the Board finds as follows:

- I. Part (b): Given the comment provided by Mr. Yee, no further response from YEC is required.
- II. Part (e): The direction for this response is addressed above in the Board's ruling for IR NY-YEC-1-14(a).

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 22th day of December 2023.

BY ORDER



Richard Buchan
Chair