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Motion for Clarification: YEC 2023 General Rate Application

Notice of Motion: Nathaniel Yee hereby files the following notice of motion with reasons. Notice of Motion: That the Yukon Utilities Board (YUB) direct the YEC to correct their “reply to comments on interim rate requests” to reflect proper information.

YEC’s reply to comments on interim rate requests of Sept. 27, 2023 states:

*Mr. Yee did not provide any specific recommendation on interim rates, beyond suggesting that customers would prefer bill instability when it reduces their bills, i.e., Mr. Yee states that when other charges or electricity bills are expected to be reduced or retired, “this should be passed on to the customer”.*

Saying that I did not provide any specific recommendation on interim rates is a mischaracterization of my comments.

Aside from saying that savings “should be passed on to the customer” as YEC notes, I also stated that “An interim rate increase to replace these charges when the terms and conditions no longer exist has no justification.” These are specific recommendations against interim rates.

I ask that the board compel YEC to amend their comments to reflect that I do not support implementation of interim rates. My comments are included below as confirmation. Clearly I am not neutral as implied and do not support interim rates.

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Comment on Interim Riders.

YEC is again claiming that the interim rate adjustments serve customers by providing bill stability and predictability. Is this really a service to customers?

“As part of this Application, YEC is seeking the YUB’s support to approve the timing for implementation of YEC’s interim rate increases and final rate adjustment to occur when other charges on electricity bills are expected to be reduced and/or expire. Through this approach, the impact of YEC’s 2023 and 2024 rate increases on customer bills will be reduced, there would be no impact to residential bills throughout the winter, and greater bill stability and predictability will be provided to Yukoners.”

**When “other charges on electricity bills are expected to be reduced and/or expire” this should be passed on to the customer.** As Rider F goes up, the increase is passed on to the customer. When Rider F goes down, YEC asks for an interim rate adjustment to provide “bill stability” – as though the customer would prefer this to a lower bill. When the \$50 Inflation Relief Rebate was distributed through electricity bills, I am guessing there were no complaints from customers who preferred “bill stability”.

These “other charges” were approved based on specific terms and conditions. If they expire or move towards zero, they are performing as designed. **An interim rate increase to replace these charges when the terms and conditions no longer exist has no justification.**

Claiming that “bill stability” is more important to customers than rates is exactly the kind of disingenuous double speak that the Board should be calling out. Is there any customer who would prefer paying 8.44% more in January in the name of bill stability?