Date: March 26, 2025

Colleen Henry
Executive Secretary
Yukon Utilities Board

Dear Yukon Utilities Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to ATCO Electric Yukon's application to increase the price of residential electricity due to a revenue shortfall caused by industrial customers.

While I understand that the company may be facing revenue challenges, it is unfair to shift the financial burden onto residential customers, particularly in a region where many people are already facing high living costs. Residential consumers should not be penalized for shortfalls in the industrial sector, especially when the larger businesses benefiting from these services have more resources to address such issues without affecting the general public.

The primary concern here is equity. Residential consumers are not responsible for the financial struggles of industrial customers, and it is inappropriate to ask ordinary families and individuals to shoulder the costs of industrial shortfalls. Such an increase would disproportionately affect low- and middle-income households that are already struggling with other rising costs.

Additionally, a rate increase could create further financial strain on vulnerable populations, including seniors, people with disabilities, and families with young children. For many Yukoners, the cost of electricity is already a significant portion of their household budget, and an increase would place even more pressure on their finances, particularly as the majority of new builds are heated strictly with electricity.

I urge the Yukon Utilities Board to carefully consider the impact this rate hike would have on residential customers. Instead of passing the burden onto everyday Yukoners, ATCO Electric Yukon and Yukon Energy Corp should explore other avenues to address the shortfall, such as working directly with industrial customers to negotiate fairer contributions or seeking alternative financial solutions that do not involve raising the price of residential electricity.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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