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February 15, 2007

Yukon Utilities Board
Box 31728
Whitehorse, Yukon
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Attention: Deana Lemke, Board Secretary

**Re: Yukon Energy Corporation 20-Year Resource Plan 2006-2025
- Cost Claim for the Utilities Consumers' Group**

Dear Deana:

As per Board Rules of Practice, please find attached the cost claim application from the Utilities Consumers' Group (UCG) related to the Board's review of Yukon Energy's 20-Year Resource Plan.

The UCG was represented by Michael Buonaguro, legal counsel PIAC; Pat McMahon, consultant; and Roger Rondeau, consultant. The consultant service agreements with fees and charges along with a CV for Pat McMahon and Roger Rondeau were presented to the Board prior to the pre-hearing conference.

The UCG submits that we have met the test for an award of costs by:

- 1 representing Yukon residential and small business ratepayers that have a vested interest in the outcome of this proceeding;
- 2 participating responsibly in the testing of various aspects of this application;
- 3 contributing to a better understanding of the issues through local intervention;
- 4 making relevant, effective and efficient cross-examination at the hearing;
- 5 making constructive and informed submissions and argument on all issues;
- 6 presenting and following up on issues concerning ratepayers; and
- 7 cooperating and coordinating with other interveners so as to not overlap on issues.

The UCG submits that all its costs were reasonably and prudently incurred. All cost claims by UCG reflect the level of effort and professionalism of the research, analysis and reporting so conducted. The UCG strived to be diligent in the efficient presentation of its position and the presentation of materials.

Attached are all disbursement claims and client invoices with the appropriate breakdown of hours citing examples of work performed and number of hours for each portion of the

process. Schedule 1 of the Rules Scale of Costs and the service agreements have been used for fees so applied.

Two models for Mr. Rondeau's cost claim are presented for the Board: Model 1 invoicing the client professional fees of \$55.00 per hour, which incorporates all office and consultant cost claims for the client. Model 2 invoicing non-professional status with a schedule separating all areas of items and services performed.

Please make award costs payable to:
Utilities Consumers' Group
242 Squanga Ave.
Whitehorse, Yukon
Y1A 3Y6

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Signed Originals Sent by Mail

Roger Rondeau
President, Utilities Consumers' Group

C.c. All parties

**AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM FOR COSTS
FOR THE UTILITIES CONSUMERS' GROUP**

FOR
Yukon Energy Corporation – 20-Year Resource Plan 2006–2025

AFFIDAVIT

I, Roger Rondeau of the Utilities Consumers' Group representing residential and small business ratepayers of electricity in the Yukon Territory, make oath and say(or affirm):

1. I am the representative for the applicant, the Utilities Consumers' Group, and as such have the knowledge of all matters to which I hereinafter depose.
2. Attached to my affidavit is the statements setting out the claim of costs for the Utilities Consumers' Group and the required evidence of work completed in each area of the above process in accordance to the Yukon Utilities Board Rules of Practice.
3. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the claims of the Utilities Consumers' Group submitted herewith, and all the documentation in support represent costs and disbursements incurred necessarily and reasonably for the purpose of the above proceeding.

SWORN (OR AFFIRMED) BEFORE ME at
The City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory,
On _____(date)

Signature of Affiant

COST CLAIM STATEMENT

Patrick McMahon
65 Devon Road
Chatham, Ontario N7L 3T7

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Preparation / Consultant Time (hours in brackets)

preliminary review of YEC's Application; preparation of draft issues list (22)
preparation of UCG submission on need for legal counsel and consultants (3)
preparation of material for discussion at pre-hearing conference (10)
preparation of UCG submission to YUB per issues raised in Order 2006–7 (6)
briefing of legal counsel on background of electricity regulation in Yukon (2)
detailed review of YEC's Application; preparation of UCG's information requests (24)
preparation of UCG submission on disclosure of conflict by Board members (3)
detailed review of interrogatory responses and preparation of submissions regarding request for additional disclosure and YEC response (15)
research on and preparation of cross-examination materials / questions for hearing (30)
research and support during hearing (10)
preparation of UCG's final argument (30)
preparation of UCG's reply argument (10)
preparation of UCG submission re Minto Term Sheet (6)

Total Hours: 171

Hourly Rate: \$110.00

Consultant Fees Claimed: \$18, 810.00
(GST included)

COST CLAIM STATEMENT

Roger Rondeau
242 Squanga Ave.
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3Y6
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Model 1

Preparation / Consultant Time (hours in brackets)

- review Board Order 2006–5, preparation and application for intervener registration (2)
- review Yukon Energy and Board's time line and preliminary information requests (2)
- preparation and application for intervener registration (2)
- preliminary review of YEC's Application (12)
- preparation of preliminary scope/issues list (8)
- preparation for and representation at public meetings and workshops in July (16)
- preparation of UCG submission to the Board per issues raised in Order 2006–6 (6)
- preparation of issues and material for discussion at pre-hearing conference (15)
- representation and oral submission on issues list at pre-hearing conference (8)
- review and prepare submission to the Board per issues raised in Order 2006–7(Part 111 Act and YESAB) (6)
- preparation of UCG submission on need for legal counsel and consultants (5)

procuring legal counsel, briefing legal counsel on background of UCG
 and electricity regulation in Yukon (6)
 review Board Order 2006-8 (2)
 detailed review of YEC's Application, Board's first round of IRs;
 preparation of UCG's information requests (24)
 preparation UCG submission on disclosure of possible conflict by
 Board members (2)
 detailed review of interrogatory responses and preparation of
 submissions regarding
 request for additional IRs disclosure and Yukon Energy response
 (14)
 research, preparation, flagging of cross-examination materials/
 questions for hearing (30)
 meeting with legal counsel to brief and prepare for hearing (6)
 meeting with Yukon Cons. Soc. interveners to discuss common issues
 (2)
 updating research and development questioning during hearing (10)
 representation and support at hearing (24)
 preparation of UCG's final argument (24)
 preparation of UCG's reply argument (8)
 preparation of UCG's submission on power purchase agreement (10)
 preparation of UCG's cost claims (4)

Total Hours:248

Hourly Rate: \$55.00/hr. (to simplify rate charges for
 professional in-house consultant: daily rate presented to Board @ pre-
 hearing divided by hrs/day)

Consultant Fees Claimed:	\$13,640.00
GST	818.40

Total Fees Claimed

\$14,458.40

OR

Model 2

Preparation/Consultant Time

Number of hours as listed above in Model 1 (sub total 248 hrs.)

Plus

Coordinator//Organizer//Secretarial Duties//Consulting Public and other Interveners// Editing all letters, information requests, correspondence and submissions/ Ok to Final Drafts for Presentation

- 1 coordinating total 7 month process for UCG: updating legal counsel and consultants, keeping track of time lines; keeping flow of information and correspondence to all clients; setting up meetings with other interveners; updating membership; (78)
- 2 maintaining, organizing and documenting files; documenting several thousand pages of applications, evidence, Board procedure, submissions, arguments and other information related to this hearing processes; (38)
- 3 consulting UCG executive and membership; (12)
- 4 correspondence with other interveners; (4)
- 5 keeping records of all correspondence; documenting over 500 pages of correspondence with clients, board and other interveners; (24)
- 6 making hard records of all proceeding materials for legal counsel and consultant for reference at hearing procedure; (16)
- 7 photocopying all information and evidence needed for hearing (2)
- 8 editing and final say in all letters, information requests, correspondence and submissions made to the Board on behalf of UCG from first open-house community meeting in Whitehorse regarding Plan on June 22, 2006 until power purchase agreement submission on January 4, 2007. (22)

Number of hours for other in-house duties and services(sub total 196 hrs.)

Total Hours 444 hours

Hourly Rate: \$35.00/hour as per Board non-professional rate

Fees Claimed	\$15,540.00
GST	932.40
Total Fees Claimed	\$16,472.40

DISBURSEMENT CLAIM STATEMENT
for
UTILITIES CONSUMERS' GROUP
242 Squanga Ave.
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3Y6

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Disbursements:

1. transcripts	=	1591.59
2. photocopy (1500 pages of proceeding documents)	=	225.00
3. photocopy evidence for hearing (350 pages)	=	50.00
4. photocopy documents of all correspondence with clients, board and interveners (500 pages)	=	75.00
5. long distance phone and fax	=	25.00
6. miscellaneous	=	<u>32.25</u>
Total	=	\$1998.84