

**IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*
Revised Statutes of Yukon, 2002, c. 186, as amended**

and

**Yukon Energy Corporation
General Rate Application for 2008 and 2009**

BEFORE: W. Shanks, Chair) October 30, 2008
 J. Woodland)
 K. Avery)

BOARD ORDER 2008-15

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 6, 2008, Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) filed with the Yukon Utilities Board (Board) an Application, pursuant to the *Public Utilities Act* and Order-In-Council 1995/90, requesting an Order approving forecast revenue requirements for the 2008 and 2009 test years of \$29.217 million for 2008 and \$31.599 million for 2009 (General Rate Application or Application).
- B. The Application also requests approval of an Interim Refundable Rates for retail rate reductions (Rider U) commencing November 1, 2008, which was subsequently amended to December 1, 2008, applicable only to first block rates where feasible, without any rate rebalancing between customer classes. YEC also requests that an increase in residential run-off rates be approved as part of an Interim Refundable Rates Order (Interim Application).
- C. The Board has reviewed the Application and requires that a Pre-Hearing Conference and Hearing process be established.
- D. In response to YEC's request for approval of Interim Refundable Rates, referred to in item B, above, the Board issued a letter on October 17, 2008, inviting submissions from interested parties.
- E. The Board is considering YEC's request for approval of Interim Refundable Rates and the submissions received from interested parties, and will issue a decision on this matter in due course.

NOW THEREFORE the Board orders as follows:

1. A Pre-hearing Conference into the Application will commence at 9:00 a.m. on January 7, 2009, at the High Country Inn, 4051 Fourth Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon.
2. Persons intending to participate in the Pre-Hearing Conference and subsequent hearing process, or who wish to receive documentation only, are to register in writing with the Board Secretary no later than December 5, 2008, indicating the nature of their interest.
3. The following process schedule is proposed for the General Rate Application and will be finalized after submissions at the Pre-Hearing Conference:

Action	Date
Register with the Board	December 5, 2008
YEC Workshop	January 6, 2009
Pre-Hearing Conference	January 7, 2009
Information Requests to YEC	January 30, 2009
Information Responses from YEC	February 27, 2009
Intervenor Evidence	March 20, 2009
Information Requests to Intervenors	April 3, 2009
Information Responses from Intervenors	April 17, 2009
YEC Rebuttal Evidence (if necessary)	April 24, 2009
Hearing	May 5 to 7, 2009 inclusive
Simultaneous Argument	May 22, 2009
Simultaneous Reply	June 5, 2009

4. Not later than November 5, 2008, YEC shall cause to be published in display-ad format, a Notice of Application and Pre-Hearing Conference, as set out Appendix A to this Order, in such appropriate local news publications in YEC's service area so as to provide adequate notice to the public.
5. YEC shall make the Application and supporting material available for inspection at the Head Office of YEC, No 2, Miles Canyon Road, Whitehorse, and at its District Offices located at Mayo, Dawson and Faro, Yukon.
6. The Board will also make the Application and supporting material available for inspection at the office of the Board, 19-114 First Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon.

7. YEC shall distribute copies of the Application and any supplemental information to Intervenors registered with the Board, if the Application was not previously sent to them.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, this 30th day of October 2008.

BY ORDER



Wendy Shanks
Chair

Appendix A to Board Order 2008-15

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD NOTICE OF APPLICATION, PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AND HEARING

YEC Workshop
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Date: January 6, 2009
Gold Rush Inn
411 Main Street
Whitehorse, Yukon

Pre-Hearing Conference
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Date: January 7, 2009
Location: High Country Inn
4051 Fourth Avenue
Whitehorse, Yukon

Hearing
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Date: May 5 to 7, 2009
Location: High Country Inn
4051 Fourth Avenue
Whitehorse, Yukon

Summary of Application

The Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) has filed an application with the Yukon Utilities Board (Board) for approval of its proposed revenue requirements for the years 2008 and 2009 (Application). YEC is the main generator and transmitter of electrical energy in the Yukon and provides electrical service directly to more than 1900 retail customers in and around Dawson City, Mayo and Faro and, indirectly, to retail customers on the Whitehorse/Aishihik/Faro system and Mayo-Dawson system through its wholesale sales.

YEC is seeking approval of revenue requirements of \$29.217 million for 2008 and \$31.599 million for 2009.

YEC is also requesting approval of interim refundable rate riders effective December 1, 2008.

YEC Workshop

YEC will hold a workshop to provide a summary of its Application commencing at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, **January 6, 2009**, at the Gold Rush Inn, 411 Main Street, Whitehorse, Yukon.

Pre-Hearing Conference

To facilitate the oral public hearing process, the Board will hold a Pre-Hearing Conference about the Application, which is scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, **January 7, 2009**, at the High Country Inn, 4051 Fourth Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon.

The Pre-Hearing Conference will address procedural matters which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Identification of Intervenors
- Identification of the principal issues
- Regulatory process
- Scheduling and locations of proceedings

Hearing

An oral public Hearing of the Application is tentatively scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, **May 7, 2009**, at the High Country Inn, 4051 Fourth Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon. The oral Hearing is tentatively scheduled for 3 days.

Schedule of Proceeding

Pending Ministerial approval, the Board has established the following schedule for this proceeding:

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Interventions

Persons intending to participate in the Pre-Hearing Conference, Hearing and other process steps, or who wish to receive documentation only, are to register in writing with the Board's Executive Secretary no later than Friday, **December 5, 2008**, indicating the nature of their interest, and whether they plan to attend the Pre-Hearing Conference.

Public Inspection of the Application

The Application and supporting documents are available for inspection at the following locations:

Yukon Energy Corporation

Head Office: Whitehorse
District Offices: Mayo, Dawson and Faro

A copy of the Application and supporting documents are also available for inspection at the office of the Yukon Utilities Board, Unit 19, 1114 First Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon, or on the Board's Web site: www.yukonutilitiesboard.yk.ca

Clarification and Board Contact

Persons intending to participate and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Ms. Deana Lemke, Executive Secretary, Yukon Utilities Board, by telephone at (867) 667-5058, in writing at Box 3178, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 6L3, by email to yub@utilitiesboard.yk.ca or by fax at (867) 667-5059.