

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

and

General Rate Application for 2008-09 by Yukon Energy Corporation

BEFORE: W. Shanks, Chair) February 26, 2009
 R. Laking, Vice-Chair)
 R. Hancock)
 J. Woodland)
 K. Avery)

BOARD ORDER 2009-3

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 Board issued Board Order 2008-15 setting out the proposed process schedule for the Application, which was confirmed in Board Order 2009-1.
- C. On February 20, 2009, YEC filed with the Board a request for an extension of time to March 6, 2009, to complete the filing of their interrogatory responses which are due on February 27, 2009. The reason given for the request was that on January 30, 2009, YEC received a total of 843 interrogatories from the Board and Intervenor and because of the volume of responses, the detailed nature of some requests and the resources available at this time, YEC would not be able to meet the filing deadline.
- D. The Board issued a letter on February 23, 2009, inviting comments from interested parties on YEC's request for an extension of the aforementioned filing date. On February 24, 2009, the Board provided an opportunity to YEC to reply to the comments received.
- E. Comments were received from Leading Edge Projects Inc, Yukon Electrical Company Ltd., the Utilities Consumers' Group and the City of Whitehorse. No party objected to the extension. However, the City of Whitehorse requested that, although YEC would file its responses as they are completed, YEC be directed to file a comprehensive document of all its responses on March 6, 2009, including those previously filed. The City of Whitehorse also requested that the filing of Intervenor evidence be changed from March 20, 2009, to at least

March 24, 2009. Also, the Utilities Consumers' Group requested that the filed responses, including attachments to filed responses, be in text-searchable format, where possible, and that YEC include hyperlinks where the response to an interrogatory simply refers to another response given to a different interrogatory, so parties can more easily navigate between the reference response and the substantive response.

- F. As the extension is for a short period to allow for YEC to respond to a large number of interrogatories and no party objected to the request for an extension, The Board grants the extension or filing of responses to Information Requests to March 6, 2009.
- G. With regard to the filing of one comprehensive text-searchable document, the Board is of the view that a single document containing all the responses to the interrogatories is more efficient. Similarly, the Board is of the view that where possible, YEC should provide hyperlinks in both reference and substantive responses.
- H. At this time the Board is not persuaded that the date of filing of Intervenor evidence should be changed.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board orders that

1. YEC shall file with the Board all responses to the interrogatories of the Board and Intervenors that it can reasonably complete by the original deadline of February 27, 2009.
2. YEC shall complete the filing of its responses to the interrogatories of the Board and Intervenors by March 6, 2009.
3. YEC shall file a single text-searchable document containing all the responses to the interrogatories, with hyperlinks where possible, on March 6, 2009.
4. YEC shall file with the Board five hard copies of the single document containing all the responses to the interrogatories by March 13, 2009. YEC shall provide the same hard copy document to any Intervenor who requests it.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 26th day of February 2009

BY ORDER



Wendy Shanks
Chair