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Yukon Utilities Board
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Attention: Deana Lemke, Board Secretary

2008/09 Yukon Electrical Company Limited General Rate Application

Dear Deana:

UCG would like to make two general comments regarding the intervener cost claim applications sent in to the Board for adjudication in the above process:

- It is on record that the Board has made prior decisions not to award any individual member of the public or business intervention cost claims.

UCG submits that the Board, in using it's statutory discretion given under the *Public Utilities Act*, must be consistent in it's interpretation and application of the rules, scale of costs, cost awards policy and hearing cost process.

However, UCG recognizes the importance of having local participation in such regulatory proceedings and thus the need to reimburse these time and costs through our rates.

- UCG received a copy of the Board letter to YECL reminding the necessity for the applicant to file documents of costs if they wish these adjudicated under the Boards jurisdiction.

It also gives an extension contrary to the Board's rules of application.

UCG reminds the Board at how stringent they have been in adjudicating interveners as to their requirement to follow, precisely, the rules and policy set forth by the Board.

Again, we reiterate the Board must be consistent in their instruction.

UCG concludes that we understand it is costly to make such applications to the regulatory body and that relevant costs should be recovered through rates.

Yours truly,

Roger Rondeau

C.c. All parties