

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

In the Matter of an Application to Approve a Settlement Agreement Pursuant to Section 47(2) of the *Public Utilities Act*

Between Whitehorse Condominium Corporation No. 275 (WCC275)

And

ATCO Electric Yukon (AEY)

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD INFORMATION REQUESTS

ROUND 1

CC275/AEY-YUB-1-001

Reference: Parts D and E of the Complaint Settlement Agreement (Agreement)

Issue: Preferential treatment

Quote: The parties have agreed to develop a unique solution to resolve the concerns of WCC275 in a manner that: (i) appropriately accounts for the costs to be incurred by ATCO which will arise from the change to service requested by the WCC275, and (ii) does not result in preferential treatment of WCC275 as compared to other customers of ATCO ...

Preamble: Part E stated that the current rate and Terms and Conditions of Service (TCS) in place before this Agreement were consistent with AEY's Board approved rates, TCS, and the initial connection request of the developer.

Request:

- (a) Please explain how this Agreement is consistent with Board-approved rates and TCS.
- (b) How does this Agreement not result in preferential treatment for WCC275? Please explain.
- (c) Please provide the Parties' reasons for seeking the Board's approval of their Agreement.
- (d) What aspects of this Agreement are in the Board's jurisdiction?
- (e) What provisions of this Agreement are the parties asking the Board to approve? Is it the entire Agreement or those portions of the Agreement up to and including the point where AEY's regulated service ends?

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Reference: Agreement, Clause 1

Issue: Modified Pricing Scheme

Quote: ... for as long as the Building is served by one meter and is used solely for residential purposes (the "Current Purpose"), all electricity and any ancillary services provided to the Building by ATCO will be billed according to the Modified Pricing Scheme attached as Schedule 1 (the "Modified Pricing Scheme"), which is intended to reasonably approximate billing for each unit in the Building as if each unit was a Multiple Dwelling unit currently served through one meter on the Residential Service, Hydro, Non-Government Rate (also known as the Non-Government Residential Rate), as defined in ATCO's approved rate

schedule(s), as applicable, plus an ongoing administration fee to address the customized rate reflected in the Modified Pricing Scheme.

Request:

- (a) Please explain and fully reference where in the TCS and residential rate schedules there is an allowance for an administration fee.
- (b) What service is AEY providing to WCC275 that requires an administration fee?
- (c) Please explain how the common areas of the Building qualify as a residential rate under the residential rate class. Conversely, please explain how the common area of the Building qualifies as a General Service Rate under the current billing structure for the Building.

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Reference: Agreement, Clause 8

Issue: Regulated electricity service

Quote: The Complainants acknowledge and agree that ATCO does not accept any liability for any activity downstream of its meter, including any allocation of utility costs to the Complainants, any resident(s), owner(s), or person(s).

Request:

- (a) Do the Parties agree that regulated electrical energy services end at the AEY meter? Please explain.
- (b) Do the Parties agree that any dispute in relation to any issues after AEY's meter is a commercial or civil matter that is outside the purview of the Board? Please explain.
- (c) Who does AEY provide a monthly bill/invoice to? Is it to WCC275 or to the individual unit owners?
- (d) As noted in the quote above, is this principle the same for other condominium corporations? What about generally for other apartment buildings in AEY's service territory? Please explain.

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Reference: Agreement, Schedule 1 Modified Pricing Scheme

Issue: Terms and adjustment factors

Preamble: The Board wishes to understand the details underpinning Schedule 1.

Request:

- (a) Please explain how a modified pricing scheme differs from a new customer rate.
- (b) Please explain how the adjustment factor of 10 was developed/determined for any energy blocking scheme.
- (c) The number of units in the building is 20. Does that include a separation or an accounting for energy consumed in the common areas? Please explain.

- (d) Please explain how energy used in the common areas is consistent with the description of residential service as defined in the residential service rate schedules.
- (e) Please explain how the escalation of any fees are allowed or are consistent with AEY's existing TCS.
- (f) Is the escalation of any fees consistent with existing and applicable legislation and regulations?
- (g) Will AEY apply any riders or other billing elements consistent with a residential or general service rate schedule? Please explain.
- (h) How will AEY apply such riders and other billing elements?

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Reference: Agreement, Schedule 2 Investment True-Up

Issue: Time value of money

Request:

Do the investment calculations, including the difference column, take into account the time value of money? Please demonstrate and explain.

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Reference: Application, no specific reference

Issue: Distribution of electrical energy

Preamble: These questions pertain to the AEY meter at WCC275.

Request:

- (a) Does the distribution of electricity from the AEY meter effectively create a distribution system and does WCC275 become a distribution company as defined by the *Electrical Protection Act* or the *Public Utilities Act*? Please explain.
- (b) If WCC275 is considered to be a distribution company, how does this impact the AEY service territory? Please explain.
- (c) How will energy consumption be apportioned to the individual condominium units and common area if the Board approves this Agreement?
- (d) If meters are used to apportion the energy to each unit are the meters Measurement Canada certified?
- (e) If the answer to part (d) is not affirmed, has temporary dispensation for those meters been granted by Measurement Canada?
- (f) If temporary dispensation has not been granted in response to part (e) of this question, are there any federal jurisdictional issues that must be considered regarding this Agreement?
- (g) Do the parties believe that there are any other legal issues that are not specifically addressed in these IRs that must be considered? Please explain.

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- (h) If the meters are not Measurement Canada certified, is this in accord with the standards for metering as set out in Section 6 of the currently approved TCS? Please explain.
 - (i) Please provide a sample representation of what a typical bill/invoice from AEY to WCC275/individual unit owners would look like.
 - (j) Please provide a sample representation of what a typical bill/invoice from AEY to WCC275/individual unit owners would look like if the Board approves the Agreement.
 - (k) Would it be lawful for WCC275 to apportion energy and charge individual unit owners based on non-certified meters? Please explain.
 - (l) Under what authority can WCC275 charge rates for electrical energy to each of the units in the condominium? Or is WCC275 receiving a single bill from AEY and apportioning that bill to the individual unit owners?
 - (m) How are line losses accounted for downstream from AEY meter? Are they assumed to be evenly distributed to all 20 units? Please explain.
 - (n) What is the avoided cost of not having AEY set up meters for each on the condominium units and a separate meter for the common areas?
 - (o) Please describe the nature of the service AEY provides to WCC275 up to the AEY meter? Is it consistent with the load level and usage of a residential customer?
 - (p) What is the expected annual load of WCC275 at the AEY meter?
 - (q) What is the expected annual load of a typical AEY non-government residential customer?
 - (r) What is the range in annual load for AEY non-government residential customers?
 - (s) Given the size of the load at the AEY meter, should a demand component be considered? Please explain.