



ATTN: Colleen Henry, Executive Secretary

Yukon Utilities Board

March 20th, 2025

RE: Application request by ATCO Electric Yukon Rider R1

Dear Colleen,

I am writing on behalf of the Yukon Agricultural Association in response to the application submitted by ATCO Electric Yukon (AEY) regarding updates to their Temporary Rate Adjustment Rider (Rider R1).

We have several concerns that we would like to address regarding this process.

First, we would like to highlight the tight timeline associated with both the application submission and public notification. While AEY has utilized multiple communication channels to notify the public, the March 22, 2025 comment deadline has left limited time for stakeholders to fully review and provide feedback on the proposed changes.

Further, we wish to bring to your attention a significant issue concerning the application of the rate adjustments. In the Yukon, farm services are subject to the same charges as residential properties, which creates an inequitable burden on farmers. The rising costs of electricity are already a major barrier to profitability for agricultural operations, and any additional rate increases will further strain farmers, reducing their ability to sustain and grow their businesses.

In light of these concerns, we strongly urge the Yukon Utilities Board to reconsider the proposed rider and the financial burden it would impose on both residential and agricultural customers. At the very least, we respectfully request an extension of the timeline for both the submission of further updates and the public consultation process to ensure that all stakeholders have a fair opportunity to participate.

We sincerely hope that the Board will prioritize fairness, affordability, and the long-term sustainability of agricultural operations when considering these adjustments.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hanna Fish". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Hanna Fish
Executive Director,
Yukon Agricultural Association