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Memorandum

To: All Parties
Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) General Rate
Application

From: Deana Lemke
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Re: YEC 2008-09 GENERAL RATE APPLICATION
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD		
EXHIBIT		A5
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Attached is the Agenda for the Pre-Hearing Conference in the above-noted proceeding, scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at the High Country Inn, Conference Room A.

On October 6, 2008, YEC filed its 2008-09 General Rate Application with the Yukon Utilities Board. Board staff has subsequently developed a Preliminary Issues List with proposed ranking of issues, based on the preliminary review of the Application.

This Preliminary Issues List is not intended to be either an exclusive or an exhaustive list of the issues that may be dealt with in this proceeding, nor is it an indication of the final ranking that will be assigned to issues. The Board will hear submissions from Intervenors at the Pre-Hearing Conference on the Preliminary Issues List and will finalize it accordingly. The Final Issues List will be distributed to parties shortly after the close of the Pre-Hearing Conference to assist in the preparation of Information Requests (IRs) to YEC.

The Preliminary Issues List has been prepared according to the headings and sub-headings in the Application. Intervenors may propose changes to the descriptions of issues and may propose sub-issues. Parties are also invited to assign their own ranking to each of the identified issues using the ranking system described below.

The ranking principles reflected in the attached Preliminary Issues List are as follows:

- Low:** *Issue of limited interest.* Preliminary low ranking may be due to low dollar impact items and/or because the Board considers the issue to have been adequately explained in the Application, or adequately addressed by the Board in another proceeding. Typically, low-ranked issues should not require cross examination at the hearing. While the Board appreciates that some of these items may require minimal review in the IR process to complete the record, parties should ensure that any IRs submitted in respect of a low ranked issue are absolutely necessary.
- Medium:** *Issue of moderate interest.* A ranking of medium rather than low may reflect either greater dollar impact or because the issue requires some determination of principle. The Board expects that a medium-ranked issue may receive some attention during the IR process and, depending on the IR response, may require follow-up during cross examination at the hearing.
- High:** *Issue of importance.* High-ranked issues will generally be items of significant dollar impact and/or require determination of principle. The Board expects that a high-ranked issue would receive substantial attention during the IR process and/or that there is a reasonable likelihood that the issue would require follow-up cross examination during the hearing. In addition, some of these issues may benefit from the filing of Intervenor evidence.

Attached are the applications for Intervenor and Observer status. You will note from the Pre-Hearing Conference Agenda that there will be an opportunity for parties to provide comments on the Intervenor applications prior to the Board making a decision to approve or deny an application.

Information related to the hearing cost award process will be forwarded in a separate e-mail to all parties.