

# YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

## IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

And

### Application by Yukon Energy Corporation for Approval of Interim adjustment to Rate Schedule 39

**BEFORE:** R. Buchan, Chair ) April 26, 2022  
B. King, Vice-Chair )  
A. Fortin )  
A. Middler )  
L. McCullough )

### BOARD ORDER 2022-04

#### WHEREAS:

- A. On April 30, 2021, Board Order 2021-09 was issued, approving Yukon Energy Corporation's (YEC) request for interim fixed charges of \$31,656.40 per month allocated between VGC Group and Alexco based on forecast sales of 2021 and directing that final determinations regarding Rate Schedule 39 would be considered as part of YEC's 2021 General Rate Application (GRA) that was then before the Board;
- B. On March 16, 2022, the Board issued Board Order 2022-03 providing its decision on YEC's 2021 GRA. In that decision, the Board directed YEC to reflect the changes in the depreciation parameters for calculating the fixed charges as directed in that Board Order in its future application to finalize Rate Schedule 39 fixed charges. Those charges are to be effective January 1, 2021;
- C. On April 8, 2022, YEC filed an application with the Board seeking approval of an interim fixed charge effective May 1, 2022, which adjusts Rate Schedule 39 Industry Primary Fixed Charge applicable to the VGC Group mine and the Alexco Resource Corp. mine and mill to include costs for the SVC Statcom that is now in service and other adjustments as required in Board Order 2022-03. YEC added that the limited scope application was made pursuant to Board Order 2018-04, which directed amendment of the mine firm rate within 60 days of the in-service date of relevant new

transmission facilities. YEC added that the SVC Statcom came into service October 28, 2021 but this application was delayed until the Board issued Board Order 2022-03. YEC concluded by stating that final determinations regarding Rate Schedule 39 and the fixed charge will be made when the Board approves YEC's 2021 GRA compliance filing;

- D. YEC asked for approval of a revised fixed charge of \$65,857.64 per month to be allocated between VGC Group and Alexco based on forecast sales for 2022 and for the fixed charge allocation to be adjusted annually based on actual sales as indicated in Rate Schedule 39. In addition to year-end adjustments based on actual sales, final adjustments, and true-ups of the fixed charge will be addressed in YEC's compliance filing to Board Order 2022-03; and
- E. The Board has reviewed YEC's application for an interim fixed charge that adjusts Rate Schedule 39 Industry Primary Fixed Charge effective May 1, 2022, and finds the application reasonable.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board:

Approves YEC's request for interim fixed charges effective May 1, 2022 of \$65,857.64 per month allocated between VGC Group and Alexco based on forecast sales for 2022 as attached in Appendix A to this Board Order.

**DATED** at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

BY ORDER

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Buchan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Buchan  
Chair