

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

and

ATCO Electric Yukon Industrial Rider R Deferral Application

BEFORE: L. McCullough, Chair) March 10, 2025
M. Johnson, Vice-Chair)
B. King)
R. Hancock)
A. Woroniuk)

BOARD ORDER 2025-04

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 27, 2024, ATCO Electric Yukon (AEY) filed an Application with the Yukon Utilities Board (the Board) pursuant to *the Public Utilities Act* (the Act) and *Order-in-Council 1995/90*, requesting to use Rider R1, Temporary Rate Adjustment Rider, to collect from customers the shortfall in the Industrial Rider R deferral effective April 1, 2025. AEY requested a decision on this matter by March 24, 2025.
- B. In Board Order 2022-13¹, the decision on the AEY Rate Relief in Yukon Application, the Board approved a deferral account to record all industrial sales revenues recovered from industrial customers in YEC's service territory served under Rate Schedule 39, Industrial Primary, from the date of this decision and to continue to do so on a go-forward basis.² This deferral account was set up as a rate relief measure and AEY was to apply to the Board to dispense with the balance in the deferral account once the balance in that account accumulated to \$0.25 million.
- C. In AEY's 2023-2024 GRA, AEY stated "While AEY does not forecast serving any industrial customers over the Test Period, AEY plans to continue its approved Industrial Rider R Deferral, respecting YEC's industrial sales forecast for purposes of calculating AEY's Rider R rate adjustment. AEY proposes to true-up any differences between YEC's actual and approved industrial sales forecast in

¹ Board Order 2022-13, AEY Application for Rate relief in the Yukon, November 7, 2022.

² Board Order 2022-13, AEY Application for Rate relief in the Yukon, November 7, 2022, PDF page 10.

future rider adjustments.”³ This was a change from the previous Industrial Rider R Deferral account in that the 2023-2024 GRA Industrial Rider R Deferral account is to cover all variances from the last approved GRA forecast. The proposed Industrial Rider R Deferral account AEY requested in its 2023-24 GRA maintained the previously approved threshold of \$0.25 million for it to apply to the Board to dispense with balances in that deferral account. The Board approved AEY’s Industrial Rider R deferral account, as proposed, in Board Order 2024-01⁴.

- D. In AEY’s Industrial Rider R Deferral Application, currently before the Board, AEY has determined that due to the shutdown of an Industrial account, the Industrial Rider R Deferral balance has a shortfall that exceeds the \$0.25 million threshold and is requesting approval to collect that shortfall balance from customers. AEY is of the view that the balance should be collected from all AEY and YEC Retail and Industrial customers.
- E. To collect the deferral shortfall, AEY proposes to increase Rider R1 by 1.42 percent (from -1.15 percent to 0.27 percent), effective April 1, 2025. The current -1.15 percent component of Rider R1 related to the true-up from AEY’s 2023-2024 GRA will be removed, as planned, on September 1, 2025, resulting in a Rider R1 rate of 1.42 percent from September 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board orders that:

- 1. To increase public awareness of this Application, AEY shall, no later than March 14, 2025:
 - a. publish a plain language explanation of this application, this application, and this Board Order on its website and its social media channels; and
 - b. provide copies of the plain language explanation of the application, this application, and this Board Order to:
 - i. public and commercial radio stations in Yukon;
 - ii. local electronic newsletters or community notice boards such as the Dawson Town Crier or the Tagish monthly newsletter in the AEY and YEC service areas;
 - iii. the known list of previous intervenors in the Yukon (for both AEY and YEC proceedings).
- 2. As this process will not be complete by AEY’s requested date of March 24, 2025, AEY is to provide updates to its application schedules and tables by March 14, 2025 to reflect implementation dates for Rider R1 of May 1, 2025 and June 1, 2025.

³ AEY 2023-2024 GRA, PDF page 31.

⁴ Appendix A to Board Order 2024-01, AEY 2023-2024 GRA Decision, May 31, 2024, PDF page 92, paragraph 424.

3. The Board establishes the following process schedule for this proceeding:

Action	Date (2025)
AEY update to Application	March 14
Participant comments on the AEY Application	March 22
AEY Reply comments	March 27

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 10th day of March 2025.

BY ORDER

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lesley McCullough', written in a cursive style.

Lesley McCullough
Chair