

# YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

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

and

### ATCO Electric Yukon Industrial Rider R Deferral Application

**BEFORE:** L. McCullough, Chair ) April 24, 2025  
M. Johnson, Vice-Chair )  
B. King )  
R. Hancock )  
A. Woroniuk )

### BOARD ORDER 2025-09

#### WHEREAS:

- A. On February 27, 2025, 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 2022-13<sup>1</sup>, 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 that decision and to continue to do so on a go-forward basis.<sup>2</sup> 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

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

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

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 future rider adjustments."<sup>3</sup> This was a change from the previous Industrial Rider R Deferral account, in that the 2023-2024 GRA Industrial Rider R Deferral account was to cover all variances from the last approved GRA forecast. This Deferral account would no longer be solely for rate relief purposes. The proposed Industrial Rider R Deferral account maintained the previously approved threshold of \$0.25 million and AEY would 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 2024-01<sup>4</sup>;

- 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. The Board issued Board Order 2025-04 on March 12, 2025 which, pending Ministerial approval set out a process for this proceeding. The Board ordered AEY to update and submit its application by March 14, 2025 to reflect implementation dates for Rider R1 of May 1, 2025 or June 1, 2025;
- F. The Board issued Board Order 2025-07 on March 19, 2025 whereby the proceeding schedule was amended to include a round of information requests to AEY from the Board;
- G. Information requests were submitted to AEY by March 24, 2025. Information responses were received from AEY on March 26, 2025. The Board received comments on the application by March 28, 2025 and reply comments from AEY by April 4, 2025;
- H. The Board received approval from the Minister of Justice for this proceeding on April 07, 2025;
- I. Comments were received from the Utilities' Consumers Group (UCG) and numerous customers of AEY by March 28, 2025. Reply comments were received from AEY on April 4, 2025. The Board considers the record for this proceeding closed as of April 7, 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board orders that:

In accordance with the reasons set out in Appendix A to this Order, the Board approves the AEY Temporary Rate Adjustment Rider R1 increase of 1.61

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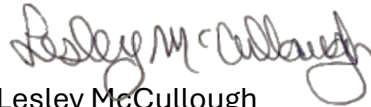
<sup>3</sup> AEY 2023-2024 GRA, Application, PDF page 31.

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

percent effective May 1, 2025. On May 1, 2025, Rider R1 will change from a refund of -1.15 percent to a charge of 0.46 percent.<sup>5</sup> On September 1, 2025 the -1.15 percent component of Rider R1 related to the true-up from AEY's 2023-2024 GRA will be removed, as planned, making the Rider R1 rate 1.61 percent.<sup>6</sup>

**DATED** at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

BY ORDER



Lesley McCullough  
Chair

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<sup>5</sup> -1.15% AEY 2023-2024 GRA true-up refund + 1.61% Industrial Rider R deferral adjustment = 0.46% charge to customers.

<sup>6</sup> 0.46% charge to customers + the removal of the -1.15% AEY 2023-2024 GRA true-up refund = 1.61% charge to customers (Industrial Rider R Deferral Charge).