

YUKON UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*

And

ATCO Electric Yukon Industrial Rider R Deferral Proceeding Costs Awards

BEFORE: L. McCullough, Chair) December 16, 2025
M. Johnson, Vice-Chair)
B. King)
R. Hancock)
A. Woroniuk)

BOARD ORDER 2025-17

WHEREAS:

- A. Pursuant to Section 56 of the *Public Utilities Act* (Act), the Yukon Utilities Board (Board) may “order to whom or by whom any costs incidental to any proceeding before the Board are to be paid, and may set the costs to be paid”;
- B. In Board Order 2022- 13, the decision on the ATCO Electric Yukon (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. 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. Subsequently, 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 future rider adjustments.” 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;

- D. On February 27, 2025, AEY filed an Application with the Board pursuant to 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;
- E. In the Industrial Rider R Deferral Application, AEY stated 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.
- F. 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;
- G. The Board issued Board Order 2025-07 on March 19, 2025 which amended the proceeding schedule to include a round of information requests to AEY from the Board;
- H. The Board submitted information requests to AEY by March 24, 2025. AEY submitted information responses on March 26, 2025.
- I. In addition, the Board received comments from the Utilities' Consumers Group (UCG) and numerous customers of AEY by March 28, 2025. AEY submitted reply comments by April 4, 2025.
- J. The Board received approval from the Minister of Justice for this proceeding on April 07, 2025;
- K. On April 24, 2025, the Board issued Board Order 2025-09 approving, for the reasons set out in Appendix A to the Board Order, the AEY Temporary Rate Adjustment Rider R1 increase of 1.61 percent effective May 1, 2025. Further, the Board provided that, on May 1, 2025, Rider R1 would change from a refund of -1.15 percent to a charge of 0.46 percent, and that, on September 1, 2025, the -1.15 percent component of Rider R1 related to the true-up from AEY's 2023-2024 GRA would be removed, as planned, making the Rider R1 rate 1.61 percent;
- L. The Board did not receive any costs claims from any party to the proceeding; and
- M. The Board incurred costs with respect to the proceeding in the amount of \$11,795.36;

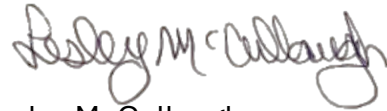
NOW THEREFORE, the Board orders as follows:

1. The hearing-related costs of the proceeding are deemed utility regulatory costs and are to be added to the utility's rate case reserve fund.

2. The Board awards hearing related costs of \$11,795.36 to the Government of Yukon as regulatory costs of the Board and directs AEY to pay these costs.

DATED at the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, this 16th day of December, 2025.

BY ORDER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lesley McCullough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "L".

Lesley McCullough
Chair