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Yukon Utilities Board
Box 31728
Whitehorse, Yukon
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Attn: Mr. Bruce McLennan
YUB Chair

Re: Leading Edge Projects' Participant Cost Award claim for the Yukon Electrical Company Ltd. (YECL) 2013 – 2015 General Rate Application (GRA) before the Yukon Utilities Board

Dear Mr. McLennan:

This letter and the attached supporting information constitute the Leading Edge Projects Inc.'s (Leading Edge) Participant Cost Award claim. The Yukon Utilities Board's (the "Board") consideration of this claim totaling \$6,568.75, with GST, is appreciated. As per previous Board ruling, GST has not been applied to the \$400 attendance claim as the Board considers this to be an honorarium.

Completed Forms 1 through 4 are attached as required by the Board's Scale of Costs (Approved in Board order 2012-09). Forms 1 through 3 detail the time and disbursements claimed, and Form 4 (Affidavit of Fees and Disbursements) confirms that they were indeed incurred.

Please note that the time claim includes an hourly rate of \$100 as Leading Edge was an unrepresented intervenor. Leading Edge understands that the hourly rate is at the discretion of the Board. The hours spent in attendance at the hearing have not been included; instead an honorarium of \$50 per half day of attendance at the hearing is claimed as per the Board's Scale of Costs.

John Maissan of Leading Edge is well qualified to be an effective intervenor. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Yukon, with a Permit to Practice from the Association of Professional Engineers of Yukon. John held senior engineering positions for about 14 years with Yukon Energy, and has in the past been a member of a Yukon Energy witness panel in proceedings before the Board on a few occasions. With this background he has a broad familiarity with the regulated electrical utilities of Yukon and with their technical issues in particular. John has had his own consulting business

(Leading Edge) since 2003 and has been an observer or an active participant in a number of Board proceedings since then. Leading Edge has a renewable energy focus and provides services throughout Canada and, from time to time, outside Canada.

Leading Edge (John Maissan) was granted intervenor status by the Board. John Maissan participated in all aspects of the hearing process. He reviewed YECL's application, participated in YECL's requests for interim refundable rates, prepared and submitted Interrogatory Requests on the Application, cross-examined YECL during the oral hearing, prepared and submitted Written Argument, and prepared and submitted Reply Argument.

In the GRA proceeding Leading Edge represented the long term public interest with respect to electricity costs and the long term public interest in the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Leading Edge brings to the fore a voice based on a broad knowledge of, expertise in, and familiarity with Yukon's electricity sector that is independent of the electric utilities. Leading Edge does not represent a particular interest group, and does not limit itself to specific points of view.

In this YECL GRA, leading Edge addressed issues related to the following: the Fish Lake unit #1 hydro plant rebuild (including the purchase power cost, expected power generation, and need for the project), O&M expenses, adding the Future Removal and Site Restoration (FRSR) to depreciation, Return on Equity, equity thickness, LED street lights, the Watson Lake bi-fuel project, the AMR project, the Carcross generator, and the joint YECL Yukon Energy DSM plan and others.

Leading Edge provided the Board with the perspectives of someone technically informed and experienced in Yukon's electricity sector yet independent of the electric utilities. Such a perspective was not provided by any other intervenor.

Again in this proceeding Leading Edge coordinated its efforts with the Yukon Conservation Society so as not to duplicate each other's perspectives where they were aligned. This included various aspects of the DSM plan and the Watson Lake bi-fuel project. As per our normal practice, Leading Edge did not repeat cross examination by other intervenors who addressed subjects that covered issues of interest to Leading Edge.

As the sole practitioner in Leading Edge, any time spent by John Maissan on this matter is time not available to other clients at his normal charge-out rate, so there is incentive to minimize this time. Due to a number of other commitments within the same time period the time spent on this proceeding had to be strictly rationed.

Given John Maissan's more than 20 years experience working for Yukon Energy or in private practice in matters related to the electricity sector, the maximum allowed rate for an unrepresented intervenor of \$100 per hour is well below the \$270 per hour rate allowed for consultants, experts, or analysts with a similar amount of experience. Legal council with one or more years of experience would also be more than double this rate. Proceeding transcripts were not necessary for Leading Edge's timely preparation of Final Argument (and Reply Argument) in this proceeding as the Board made the transcripts available to the parties as well as on its web site very quickly. All other office expenses

such as copying and telephone are absorbed within Leading Edge's fees. Attendance at the hearing attracted only a \$50 per ½ day honorarium.

Leading Edge acknowledges that the fees ultimately approved by the Board for its intervention is based on the Board's judgment on the effectiveness of Leading Edge's intervention and is entirely at the Board's discretion.

The effectiveness of Leading Edge's participation in the proceeding is characterized by the clear and succinct communications with the Board, the IRs asked of YECL (and Yukon Energy with respect to the DSM plan), the cross examination of the panels, and the Final and Reply Arguments submitted. Several important matters discussed by Leading Edge were either not addressed or addressed in a more limited manner by other intervenors, including: the purchase power cost related to Fish Lake unit #1 rebuild, labour FTEs and O&M expenses, LED street lighting, the AMR project, and the Carcross generator.

Confirmation of the effectiveness of and relevancy to the issues of the participation can be found in Appendix A to Board Order 2014-06. There are references to Leading Edge's position on many key issues including Fish Lake unit #1, FTEs and O&M expenses, the FRSR issue, AMR, the DSM plan and a number of other issues..

Should the Board have any questions on this Participant cost award claim, I would be pleased to answer them.

Respectfully submitted,



John Maissan

C. YECL 2013-2015 GRA circulation list, by email

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Summary of total costs claimed Form 1 Page 1 of 1

Date May 16, 2014

Firm/Company Name	Including honoraria Total Fees	Total Disbursements	GST		Total Fees, Disbursements, & GST
			Total GST on Fees & Disbursements		
Firm/Company Name <u>John Maissan</u> <u>LEADING EDGE PROJECTS INC.</u>	<u>\$ 6,275.00</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>\$ 293.75</u>		<u>\$ 6,568.75</u>
Firm/Company Name					
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Firm/Company Name					
Firm/Company Name					
Firm/Company Name					
Firm/Company Name					
Firm/Company Name					
TOTAL COSTS CLAIMED					

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Applicant(s) YECL
 Application(s) No. YECL 2013-2015 GRA
 Hearing YECL 2013-2015 GRA

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Date	Years of Experience	Hourly Wage	PROFESSIONAL FEES										Total									
			Preparation		Attendance		Argument & Reply		Total Fees		Total GST on Professional Fees	Fees & GST										
			Hours	Fees	Hours	Fees	Hours	Fees	Hours	Fees												
May 16, 2014																						
		Total This Company																				

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL FEES CLAIMED																						
27.0	\$ 2,700.00	80 1/2	\$ 400.00	31.75	\$ 3,175.00	58.75	\$ 5,875.00	293.75	\$ 6,568.75													
																				Total This Company		

Claimant John Maissan, Leading Edge Projects Inc. Applicant(s) YECL
Hearing YECL 2013-2015 GRA Application(s) No. YECL 2013-2015 GRA

Leading Edge - John Maissan time record				
YECL 2013-2015 GRA & YEC/YECL DSM plan				
Year	Month	Day	Hours	Tasks
Preparation				
2013	June	5	0.00	Attend YEC/YECL DSM plan presentation
		7	2.00	Submission on interim rates
		12	1.50	Mtg YCS re GRA & coordination
		28	0.00	Pick up hard copy of GRA at YECL
	July	12	2.50	Read GRA & start IRs
		18	10.25	Read GRA & prepare IRs
	August	6	0.00	Submission on IR responses
	October	28	1.00	Read IR responses
		31	1.75	Read IR responses & prepare cross examination
	November	2	1.00	Read IR responses & prepare cross examination
		3	3.50	Read IR responses & prepare cross examination
		4	3.50	Evening prep for cross examination
Sub total Preparation			27.00	
Attendance at hearing				
	November	4		Two half-days
		5		Two half-days
		6		Two half-days
		7		Two half-days
Sub-total attendance at hearing				8 half-days
Argument and Reply				
	November	16	1.25	Prepare Argument
		28	3.00	Prepare Argument
		29	2.75	Prepare Argument
		30	3.00	Prepare Argument
	December	2	8.50	Prepare Argument, submit
		5	3.00	Prepare Reply argument
		6	4.25	Prepare Reply argument
		16	6.00	Prepare Reply argument, submit
Sub-total Argument and Reply			31.75	
Total hours excluding attendance at hearing			58.75	

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Summary of disbursements claimed

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Disbursements Claimed (exclusive of GST)	Name of Claimant	Name of Claimant	Name of Claimant	Name of Claimant	Total Disbursements
Airfare					
Accommodation (maximum \$150/day)					
Meals (maximum at GY rates)					
Mileage (maximum at GY rates)					
Taxi					
Parking					
Car rental					
Transcripts					
Postage					
Courier/delivery					
Telephone/long distance					
Fax (\$1.00/page)					
Internal photocopying (\$.10/copy)					
External printing					
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					
Miscellaneous (please attach details)					
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS					<i>NIL</i>
Total GST on Disbursements					<i>NIL</i>

Claimant John Maissan, Leading Edge Projects, Inc. Applicant(s) The Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd.

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Affidavit of Fees and Disbursements Form 4

Affidavit of fees and disbursements claimed in the matter of a claim for costs made by

John Maissan, Leading Edge Projects Inc. for participation in a proceeding before the

Yukon Utilities Board with respect to the following Application: YECL 2013-2015 GRA

I, John Maissan, of the (city/town) of Whitehorse and the Territory/Province of Yukon,

MAKE OATH (OR AFFIRM) AND SAY THAT:

- 1) I am the cost claimant of the cost claimant _____ (the "Claimant") and as such have personal knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to, except where stated to be based on information and belief, and where so stated, I do verily believe to be true.
- 2) The Claimant was an (applicant/intervener) in a proceeding (the "Proceeding") before the Board with respect to the above application(s).
- 3) The Claimant incurred fees and disbursements (exclusive of GST) in the amount of \$ 6,275.00 as a result of its participation in the Proceeding. Additionally, the Claimant incurred GST on the above fees and disbursements in the amount of \$ 293.75.
- 4) I have personally reviewed the accounts of the Claimant's [lawyer(s), consultant(s), witness(s)], including the supporting documentation as required by the *Scale of Costs*, and confirm that these accounts represent work performed at the specific request of the Claimant.
- 5) I have personally reviewed all receipts, invoices, or accounts for transcripts, airfare, or accommodation and confirm that they represent disbursements incurred at the specific request of the Claimant.
- 6) I confirm that the fees and disbursements claimed on behalf of the Claimant's lawyer(s), expert(s), or consultant(s) are reasonable and in accordance with the *Scale of Costs*.
- 7) (If necessary) The fees claimed on behalf of _____ are in excess of the *Scale of Costs*. However, I believe that the Claimant should be entitled to recover such costs because: _____
- 8) To the best of my knowledge and belief, the fees and disbursements claimed by the Claimant represent fees and disbursements incurred necessarily and reasonably for the purpose of the Proceeding.
- 9) (If necessary) The Claimant is entitled to a rebate in connection with the Federal Goods and Services Tax to the extent of _____%. The Claimant's GST number is _____.

SWORN (OR AFFIRMED) before me at the (City/Town, etc.) of Whitehorse, in the Province/Territory of Yukon on (date) 28 May 2014.

Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths

Signature of Affiant

Katherine BRENT-BRAKEFIELD

Notary Public in and for the Yukon Territory

My Commission Expires June 5, 2017.

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