

February 2, 2022

The Honourable Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Justice  
Government of Yukon  
Box 2703  
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Dear Minister:

**Re: Meeting regarding the regulation of electricity and use in Yukon**

We are writing you on behalf of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce Energy Committee (the 'Committee'). The Committee has been tracking energy issues for a number of years. The Committee has been mandated to represent private sector businesses regarding the production, use and pricing associated with energy in all its forms.

The Committee has become concerned about a number of issues and have investigated how the Yukon Utilities Board (YUB) operates. We considered engaging with YUB regarding some of our policy concerns as they relate to the cost structure of small businesses operating in Yukon. We found that YUB has a narrow mandate when conducting hearings. This led us to decline the opportunity to make representation to the most recent hearings. The hearing would not have heard our issues and concerns as it was not within the mandate provided under their legislation.

We explored YUB legislation and discovered that the Minister has the power to direct the YUB to conduct investigations pursuant to section 18 &19 of the Utilities Act to explore general public policy matters

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you as soon as possible to explore some of the following issues and concerns that we have identified, as follows:

- Mandate YUB to include an assessment of specific general public policy issues related to the regulation of electricity in Yukon.
- The apparent discrepancies in earnings between ATCO and Yukon Energy Corporation and the impacts this may be having on the electrical rates needed to fund the develop new electricity-based infrastructure and replacement of aging infrastructure.
- The implications of the proposed Clean Energy Act regarding energy production and utilization. This could be tied to the cost-of-service and rate design review. The last detailed cost of service review was conducted over 21 years ago and should be updated.
- The possibility of setting fixed dates for general rate applications.

The Committee would appreciate the opportunity to meet and provide our thoughts and recommendations specific to each topic and how they may be addressed through the identified sections of the Public Utilities Act.

Please contact Denny Kobayashi executive director for the Yukon Chamber of Commerce at 867-333-4257 and set up a meeting method, date and time.

Sincerely,



Myles Thorp  
Chair, YCC Energy Committee Chair



Denny Kobayashi  
Executive Director, Yukon Chamber of  
Commerce

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