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BCUC Review Task Force

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Attn BCUC Review Task Force

**Re: Yukon Electrical comments on the BCUC.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on our dealings with the BCUC. We have reviewed the scope of your review and discussed our interactions with the BCUC. After our review of the scope, and the history of our dealings with the BCUC, we can find no concerns or issues to share with the Task Force. The scope of our review is listed below.

**Scope**

The Task Force will review, evaluate and make recommendations respecting the following:

1. A review of comparable utility regulators and models in other jurisdictions, along with key benchmarks.
  
2. BCUC processes:
  - a. Existing levy funding model and possible alternatives;
  - b. Timeliness, effectiveness, efficiency and cost of reviews;
  - c. Standing/funding for interveners;
  - d. Review processes:
    - d.i. Conventional oral and written public hearings;
    - d.ii. Alternative review processes, including expedited hearing processes and negotiated settlement processes;
    - d.iii. Involvement of the BCUC in alternative regulatory processes;
    - d.iv. Generic proceedings on specific issues that apply to more than one utility;
    - d.v. Opportunities to make hearing processes more efficient and more focused;
    - d.vi. The role, effectiveness and use of guidelines and policies;
    - d.vii. Application cycle (turnaround) times and establishing timelines for reviews and decisions; and
    - d.viii. Coordinated regulatory processes.

3. Structure, resource needs and performance of the BCUC (including but not limited to): a. Review the use of stakeholder representation models in other jurisdictions and implications on the role of staff;
- b. Recruitment, retention and compensation of BCUC staff and Commissioners, and staffing levels;
- c. Organizational structure and BCUC composition, including: c.i. Potential Vice-Chair and Executive Director positions;
- c.ii. Full-time versus part-time Commissioners;
- c.iii. Experience and knowledge;
- c.iv. The need for regulatory process and utility expertise; and
- c.v. Use of BCUC Counsel.
- d. Efficiency (value for money) and effectiveness of operations and performance, including:
- d.i. Identify standard (reported) performance measures to be reviewed or recommend measures to be developed;
- d.ii. Identify operational impediments; and
- d.iii. Identify specific opportunities for improvements.
4. In consultation with the Minister of Justice and the Minister Responsible for Core Review, any other matters arising over the course of the review that the Task Force considers significant.

Thank you again for this opportunity. If you have any further need to discuss this with us you can contact us at the numbers below.

Yours truly,

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