

The Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board

October 4, 2024

Naka Power Utilities (Yellowknife)
481 Range Lake Road
Yellowknife, NT X1A 3R9

Attention: Beth Rogers
Director Regulatory

Re: Naka Power Utilities (Yellowknife) (NP-YK) 2024 and 2025 General Rate Application (GRA) Proceeding 2024-013

1. The Board is in receipt of NP-YKs 2024-2025 General Rate Application (GRA) dated September 24, 2024. In its letter NP-YK is requesting rate increases of 3.0% for the 2024 Test Year and a further 1.1% (approx.) for the 2025 Test Year. The reasons for the increase in existing rates include, increased operating and maintenance expenses and decreased sales, relative to the 2017 Test Year when the company's rates were last set and approved by the Board.
2. NP-YK has requested that the above rate increases for the 2024 Test Year and 2025 Test Year be implemented on an interim refundable basis, effective November 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025 respectively.
3. In its letter, NP-YK requested leave to conduct a negotiated settlement as follows:

Prior to filing the GRA, Naka-YK met with the City of Yellowknife (City). Based on those discussions, Naka-YK understands that the parties are supportive of a procedural schedule that includes a Negotiated Settlement process. The City and Naka-YK's initial interest in collaborating is encouraging as the parties have had success in the past and have realized regulatory efficiency, as well as public hearing cost savings through Negotiated Settlements. Accordingly, Naka-YK requests leave from the Board to conduct a Negotiated Settlement process pursuant to section 36.1(1) of the PUA and the Board's Negotiated Settlement Guidelines.

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4. The Board has established the following timetable to get the proceedings started:

Timetable	
Activity	Date
Filing of the Application	24-Sep-24
Registration by Interveners who wish to participate in the Technical Proceedings	14-Oct-24
Publication of Notice of Proceedings	14-Oct-24
Correspondence from Members of the Public on participation in the proceedings	21-Oct-24
The Following is the Timetable for Parties in the Technical Part of the Proceedings	
Comment by all parties on NP-YK's proposal for approval of Interim Rates	16-Oct-24
Comment by Interveners on NP-YK's proposal to initiate a negotiated settlement	16-Oct-24

5. As noted above all parties are requested to comment on the request for approval of interim rates by October 16, 2024 and comment on NP-YK's proposal to initiate a negotiated settlement. The Board will establish the timetable for the remainder of the proceedings following completion of the above steps.

6. Also in accordance with the timetable NP-YK is directed to publish notice of the Proceedings in News/North, Yellowknifer and any other news outlet Naka-YK deems appropriate by October 14, 2024. Copies of each advertisement should be provided to the Board.

7. Any party in receipt of this letter may request to be dropped from the mail list. If there are any questions, please contact the Board Secretary at 867-874-3944.

Yours truly,

Gordon Van Tighem
Chairman

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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PROCESS RE. 2024/25 GENERAL RATE APPLICATION (GRA) BY NORTHLAND UTILITIES (YELLOWKNIFE) LIMITED OPERATING AS NAKA POWER UTILITIES YELLOWKNIFE (NP-YK) Proceeding 2024-013

By letter dated September 24, 2024, NP-YK requested increases in rates of 3.0% for the 2024 Test Year and a further 1.1% (approx.) for the 2025 Test Year. The reasons for the increase in existing rates include, increased operating and maintenance expenses and decreased sales, relative to the 2017 Test Year when the company's rates were last set and approved by the Board.

NP-YK has requested that the above rate increases for the 2024 Test Year and 2025 Test Year be implemented on an interim refundable basis, effective November 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025 respectively.

The information filed by NP-YK in support of its application may be accessed and downloaded from the Board's website (<https://nwtpublicutilitiesboard.ca/application-detail/434>) or obtained by phoning the Board's Secretary at 867-874-3944.

Members of the public residing in NP-YK's service area who wish to i) comment on the application or ii) participate by providing input to the Board in a public forum with NP-NWT witnesses present to answer questions, may do so by writing to the Board by October 21, 2024 indicating their preferred form of participation in the proceedings at:

The Board Secretary
Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board
203 – 62 Woodland Drive
Box 4211
Hay River, NT X0E 1G1
E mail: Doris_Minoza@gov.nt.ca

Parties who wish to register as Interveners in the proceedings must do so by October 14, 2024 in accordance with the time table set out in the Board's website under proceeding ID2024-13. The Board's website provides guidance on how to register as an intervener under Regulatory Guidelines.