

September 24, 2024

Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board
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**Attention: Mr. Gordon Van Tighem
Board Chairman**

**Re: Northland Utilities (Yellowknife) Limited o/a Naka Power Utilities
(Yellowknife)
2024-2025 General Rate Application (GRA) – Proceeding ID 2024-013**

Please find enclosed for filing with the Public Utilities Board (Board), Naka Power Utilities (Yellowknife)'s (Naka-YK) General Rate Application (GRA or Application) for the 2024-2025 Test Period.

This Application includes the request for determination of Naka-YK's 2024-2025 revenue requirement and other relief as requested throughout the Application.

The rate changes requested by Naka-YK in each of the Test Years are as follows:

**Table 1: Proposed Rate Changes
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	2024	2025
Proposed Revenue Requirement (excl. other revenue)	\$54,314	\$56,601
Revenue on Existing Rates	\$52,747	\$54,349
Increase over Revenue on Existing Rates	\$1,567	\$2,252
Cumulative Rate Increase %	3.0%	4.1%
Year-Over-Year Rate Increase %	3.0%	1.1%

As explained in Section 15 of the Application, Naka-YK is requesting interim approval to update its Interim Rate Adjustment Rider (Rider R) for implementation on November 1, 2024, to begin collecting the applied-for 2024 Revenue Requirement shortfall on a refundable basis.

Board approval is required on or before October 24, 2024, to implement the 2024 Rider R effective November 1, 2024. Any adjustments required to Rider R following a Board Decision will be made in a subsequent Compliance Filing.

Naka-YK is also requesting interim approval to update Rider R for implementation on January 1, 2025, to begin collecting the applied-for 2025 Revenue Requirement shortfall on a refundable basis. Details related to this increase are also discussed in Section 15 of the GRA.

To implement the 2025 Rider R, effective January 1, 2025, Board approval is required on or before December 20, 2024. Any adjustments required to the 2025 Rider R following a Board Decision will be made in a subsequent Compliance Filing.

Section 1 of the Application sets out an Overview that provides relevant context for the Application and the relief requested therein. Forecasts included in the Application were prepared based on the best information as at the time it was prepared. Forecasts were prepared by management, with the exception of the proposed Depreciation Parameters. Naka-YK engaged Concentric Advisors to prepare a Depreciation Study for this Application. Please refer to Section 6 for a summary of the Depreciation Study and impacts of the updated depreciation rates, and to Section 6.1 Attachment 1 for the full Depreciation Study.

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*.

Naka-YK proposes the following process steps and timelines in connection with a Negotiated Settlement process.

Process Step		Proposed		Limit (if any)
File Application		September 24, 2024		
Notice of Application		September 27, 2024		
Intervener Registration & Intent to Negotiate		October 3, 2024		
Board Leave Granted to Negotiate & Issuance of Issues		October 10, 2024		
IRs to Naka-YK from Board & Interveners		October 17, 2024		Requesting a limit of 50 IRs (including subparts).
IR Responses from Naka-YK		October 31, 2024		
Settlement Negotiations Process Begins		November 1, 2024		
Settlement Negotiation Process Ends		November 29, 2024		
Preliminary Negotiation Outcomes Submitted to the Board		December 2, 2024		
NSA/Partial NSA Reached			No NSA Reached/Outstanding Issues	
Process Step	Proposed	Process Step	Proposed	Limit (if any)
Filing of Negotiated Settlement Agreement (NSA) (or Partial NSA, if applicable)	December 20, 2024	Intervenor Evidence (if required)	December 20, 2024	
Board IRs on NSA (if any)	January 10, 2025	IRs on Intervenor Evidence	January 10, 2025	Requesting a limit of 50 IRs (including subparts).
IR Responses on NSA	January 17, 2025	Rebuttal Evidence	January 17, 2025	
		Oral Hearing	January 28, 2025	
		Argument/Reply Argument	TBD	

Subject to the Board’s approval and in accordance with Section 22(5) of the *Public Utilities Act (PUA)* and Section 13.1 of the Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, Naka-YK is prepared to commence the public notification process with respect to the Application. Advertisements will be placed in News/North, Yellowknifer, and any other news outlet Naka-YK deems appropriate. Naka-YK will provide copies of each advertisement to the Board.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding the Application, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at Elizabeth.Rogers@atco.com.

Yours truly,

Beth Rogers
Director, Regulatory