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Attn: Ms. Deana Lemke
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YUKON UTILITIES BOARD		
EXHIBIT C4-2		
DAY	ENTERED BY YCS	DATE August 22/06

**Re: Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) 20-Year Resource Plan: 2006 – 2025
Board Order 2006-6**

Dear Ms. Lemke

This letter is in response to Yukon Utility Board Order 2006-6.

The Yukon Conservation Society still seeks Intervenor status.

The issues the Yukon Conservation Society intends to pursue are:

- water levels at Marsh Lake and Aishihik Lake and associated issues regarding fisheries and wetlands
- reconditioning of the Whitehorse diesel-electric generators and issues related to greenhouse gas emissions and fuel efficiencies
- potential to address diesel reductions in all Yukon communities and related issues regarding greenhouse gas emission target reductions
- alternatives to the present rate subsidies, and issues regarding the Yukon Rate Stabilization Fund and the Rate Equalization
- issues regarding green power premiums
- issues regarding the proposed new Carmacks/Stewart powerline and issues related to right-of-way clearings, timber salvage, connection of communities along the way, ability for independent power providers to access the proposed line and the possibility of this project being used to indirectly subsidize mines
- concern that the 20-Year Plan must be open to regular review, both for meeting the criteria it establishes and to meet changing conditions
- provisions for independent power producers of renewable energy

- provisions for dealing with the Alaska Highway Natural Gas Pipeline and associated natural gas issues that could be used to displace dirtier fossil fuels
- provisions for no further increase in the use of non-renewable fuels such as coal, gas and oil
- issues around integration of resource extraction industries and power generation, such as the timber industry and the development of bio-fuels
- issues around using renewable electric energy to displace fossil fuel energy, such as for home heating
- issues around the possibility of long-term stability for secondary power rates
- issues regarding the Yukon Utilities Board ensuring its rulings are consistent with government protocols on climate change

The Yukon Conservation Society is still uncertain whether it intends to hire legal counsel and consultants.

Information submitted during the gathering stage prior to and during the Board hearing will help determine what, if any, type of legal counsel and consultants the Yukon Conservation Society might require. For this reason, the Yukon Conservation Society is unable to provide the qualifications of each professional, the retainer letter for each professional, and a description of why each professional is required.

As of today, no legal counsel or consultant has been retained, but the Yukon Conservation Society reserves the right to retain legal counsel and/or consultants at any time. If the Yukon Conservation Society does retain legal counsel and/or consultants, every effort will be made to inform the Yukon Utilities Board and provide the information as stated in Board Order 2006-6 point 4.

The Yukon Conservation Society is uncertain as to whether it intends to file evidence.

This uncertainty is created because information submitted by others during the information gathering stage might necessitate the filing of evidence by the Yukon Conservation Society. If the Yukon Conservation Society does file evidence, it will be on the issues described in the section of this letter titled 'The issues the Yukon Conservation Society intends to pursue are'.

The Yukon Conservation Society does anticipate costs as pursuant to section 56 of the Public Utilities Act, which state in part "the Board may order to whom or by whom any costs incidental to any proceedings before the Board are to be paid and may fix the costs to be paid."

The Yukon Conservation Society anticipates costs at \$40 per hour per Yukon Conservation Society representative. These representatives are:

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It is anticipated that the combined time of these representatives on this particular Board hearing will be in the range of 200 hours (for a cost total of \$8,000). Should it become clear during the Board hearing that this time allotment is insufficient the Yukon Conservation Society will make every effort to inform the Yukon Utilities Board.

The Yukon Conservation Society thanks you once again for this opportunity to participate in the Yukon Utilities Board hearing of the Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) 20-Year Resource Plan: 2006 – 2025. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly



Karen Baltgailis
Executive Director
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