

March 8, 2021

Liz Hanson, Chair
Special Committee on Civil Emergency Legislation
Yukon Legislative Assembly

Sent by email: Elizabeth.Hanson@yla.gov.yk.ca

Dear Ms. Hanson,

Re: Information regarding the Yukon Energy Corporation's experience with Yukon's Civil Emergency Measures Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on Yukon's Civil Emergency Measures Act. As the principal generator of electricity in the Yukon, directly and indirectly serving the territory's 21,000 electricity consumers, Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) has a duty to provide safe and reliable power; planning for emergencies and worst-case scenarios.

Based on Yukon Energy's perspective, we have identified the following gaps in the current legislation and suggestions for improvement:

- **Clarity on who is responsible** in an emergency. Different emergencies may call for different government departments to take control. A detailed chart would provide clarity and transparency to YEC management regarding ministerial reporting in the event of an emergency. An example of this can be found in British Columbia's document titled, *Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation*. A table is included showing key hazards and the primary provincial ministries responsible (see page 23-25 in the document [here](#).)
- **Improved information sharing and coordination** between critical infrastructure operators, Yukon Government, First Nations and local authorities in mitigating, planning and responding to emergencies. Defining lines of communication and timely dissemination of information would allow appropriate management during an emergency given the many interdependencies between the above listed agencies.
- As a critical infrastructure organization, **consultation** at the onset and throughout the state of emergency would be valuable in maintaining consistency across organizations, providing direction and information to staff and customers and ensuring continued business efficiency. By having input into the drafting of



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emergency orders or guidelines, YEC could avoid confusion and challenges with compliance.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any follow up questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Hall", is positioned above the typed name.

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cc. Allison Loyd, Clerk of Committees