# PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2011

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January 31, 2012

The Honourable George Tuccaro
Commissioner of the Northwest Territories

I am submitting the Annual Report of the Public Utilities Board of the Northwest Territories for the calendar year ending December 31, 2011.

Glen Abernethy

Minister Responsible for the Public Utilities Board

Attachment



January 30, 2012

The Honourable Glen Abernethy
Minister Responsible for the
Public Utilities Board of the Northwest Territories

Dear Minister Abernethy:

I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Public Utilities Board of the Northwest Territories for the calendar year ending December 31, 2011, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16. (1) of the *Public Utilities Act*.

Yours truly,

Joe Acorn

Chairperson

### PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

# <u>Mandate</u>

The Public Utilities Board of the Northwest Territories ("Board") is an independent regulatory agency of the Territorial Government operating under and administering the *Public Utilities Act* ("*Act*"). The Board is primarily responsible for the regulation of energy utilities in the Northwest Territories ("NWT"), to ensure that the rates charged for energy are fair, just and reasonable. It is also responsible for ensuring utility operators provide safe, adequate and secure services to their customers.

# **Board Organization**

The Board consists of a part time Chairperson and four part time members. The position of Chairperson has been part time since April 1, 2001. The Board Secretary, who reports to the part time Chairperson, administers the office. As the chief executive officer, the Chairperson presides over sittings of the Board and supervises Board employees.

The Board requires specialized assistance and so has contracts for legal counsel and technical expertise. No changes are contemplated, as the arrangement is cost effective.

The Minister Responsible for the Board, upon the recommendation of the Executive Council, appoints members of the Board. At the end of 2011, the Board consisted of the following persons:

Chairperson	Joe Acorn, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
Vice-Chairperson	Sandra Jaque, Fort Smith, Northwest Territories
Member	William Koe, Fort McPherson, Northwest Territories
Member	Jake Heron, Fort Smith, Northwest Territories
Member	Peter Guther, Norman Wells, Northwest Territories

The Board was assisted by:

Board Secretary	Louise Larocque, Hay River, Northwest Territories
Legal Counsel	John Donihee, McLennan Ross, Calgary, Alberta
Consultant	Raj Retnanandan, Energy Management & Regulatory
	Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta

# **REGULATORY JURISDICTION**

Following are the utilities subject to the Board's jurisdiction:

Northwest Territories Power Corporation

Head Office: Hay River, Northwest Territories

Stittco Utilities NWT Ltd.

Head Office: Hay River, Northwest Territories

Northland Utilities (NWT) Limited

Head Office: Hay River, Northwest Territories

Northland Utilities (Yellowknife) Limited

Head Office: Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

The Town of Norman Wells

Head Office: Norman Wells, Northwest Territories

Aadrii Ltd.

Head Office: Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

Inuvik Gas Ltd.

Head Office: Inuvik, Northwest Territories

### **UTILITY REGULATION**

The need for regulation arises because utilities generally provide service on a monopoly basis without the economic controls of competition. The Board is the proxy for competition and attempts to ensure efficiency and fair pricing. The principles of rate regulation rest on fairness to both the utility and the consumer.

Energy utilities, as defined in the *Act*, are subject to Board regulation. The Board's principal responsibility is to ensure that each utility provides safe, adequate service at rates which are just and reasonable. When it receives an application to set rates, primarily through a General Rate Application ("**GRA**"), the Board must balance the competing interests of consumers, and the utilities. Rates are set through a public hearing process. The Board's objective through the hearing process is to guarantee that the public interest is served and protected.

Public involvement is an essential component of the regulatory process. The Board ensures the opportunity for public participation by directing the applicant to publish a notice, approved by the Board, advising that a hearing is to be held to consider the application. The notice may be published in newspapers throughout the utility's service area, included in each customer's monthly billings, or such other method that the Board considers appropriate.

The Board has the authority to award costs at the conclusion of a hearing. Interveners before the Board may receive up to 100% of their reasonably incurred costs provided that, in the Board's opinion, the intervention contributed in a meaningful way to the Board's understanding of the application.

Interveners are interested parties who register with the Board and receive copies of the application and all written questions and answers.

Interveners may take an active role in the hearing process. They may submit written questions, give evidence, call expert witnesses, and cross-examine the applicant. The applicant, as well as other interveners, is provided the opportunity to cross-examine the intervener and the intervener's expert witnesses. Alternatively, the intervener may choose to not actively participate in the hearing, but simply receive all available information.

After hearing and reviewing the evidence, the Board issues its Decision on the application. The Board may reject the rate change, modify it, or approve it as requested.

The Board also approves major capital projects, the issuance of long-term debt and municipal franchise agreements.

### **2011 HIGHLIGHTS**

# Northwest Territories Power Corporation ("NTPC")

# Electricity Rate Policy Guidelines ("Guidelines")

On February 16, 2011, NTPC applied to finalize the interim rates that were approved by the Board in Decision 17-2010 with respect to NTPC's application to implement the Guidelines as issued by the GNWT. After reviewing the letter provided by NTPC and the responses to the information requests, the Board issued Decision 5-2011 approving NTPC's interim rates as final rates for the period from December 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 and going forward from April 1, 2011. The Board also approved NTPC's head office costs and the allocations included in the November 25, 2010 refiling as final for the period from December 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 and going forward from April 1, 2011.

# Bluefish Lake Dam Replacement Project Permit

In 2009, the Board issued a Decision approving the project permit to replace the Bluefish Lake Dam and directed NTPC to prepare a refined project cost forecast at the plus or minus 10% accuracy level after completing any necessary geotechnical tests and preparation of unit cost forecasts following detailed engineering and tendering. NTPC was also directed to file the revised and refined forecast together with an updated economic analysis and rate impacts as soon as the forecast is completed.

By letter dated June 30, 2011, NTPC submitted a Refined Project Cost Forecast and Economic Analysis with respect to the Bluefish Lake Dam Replacement Project. Following the written process, the Board issued Decision 15-2011, dated September 30, 2011 and accepted the refined cost forecast in the Bluefish Dam Replacement Project in the amount of \$37.4 million and directed NTPC to provide a post completion report providing justification for the various elements of actual project costs with well supported reasons for material budget variances, at the time the project is proposed for inclusion in rate base.

# Northland Utilities (Yellowknife) Limited and Northland Utilities (NWT) Limited (collectively "Northland")

# Section 52 High Consumption Review

The Board issued Decision 7-2011 in regards to an inquiry under Section 52 of the *Act* ("**Inquiry**"). The Board stated that having considered the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories Decision 2010 NWTSC 92 and the argument made

by the parties, it is the Board's view that it erred in considering the use of deferral accounts for recovery of costs related to the Inquiry. The rates for 2009 were final and so the recovery of costs related to the Inquiry through the establishment and use of new deferral accounts would constitute retroactive ratemaking. For this reason, Northland's request for the recovery of costs related to the Inquiry was denied.

The Board also stated that the risk of cost recovery for the conduct of the Inquiry and the costs of implementing Board directives are captured within Northland's business risk. Even without the prohibition against retroactive ratemaking, the Board would not have approved any of the costs claimed for recovery by Northland.

# Northland Utilities (Yellowknife) Limited ("NUL YK")

# 2011 to 2013 Phase 1 and 2 GRA ("GRA")

By letter dated April 21, 2011, NUL YK filed its Phase 1 GRA with respect to the test period 2011 to 2013. On June 29, 2011, NUL YK filed its Phase 2 GRA.

With respect to the Phase 1 GRA, the Board granted permission to NUL YK to enter into formal Negotiated Settlement ("Settlement") discussions with the City of Yellowknife ("City"). A Settlement was reached and placed before the Board for its review and approval. The Board issued Decision 13-2011 approving the Settlement and directed NUL YK to refile a complete set of Phase 1 revenue requirement schedules reflecting the Settlement together with any request for rate adjustment within 30 days of the Decision. NUL YK was also directed to clarify the parties' intent respecting the NUL YK proposed changes to maximum investment levels and provide the amended Terms and Conditions of Service ("TCS") reflecting any changes to the maximum investment levels.

In a letter dated September 23, 2011, NUL YK submitted a Compliance Filing Application, in accordance with Board Decision 13-2011. The Board issued Decision 16-2011 and approved the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Phase 1 revenue requirement schedules, the TCS and the Rate Schedules, effective November 1, 2011.

With respect to the Phase 2 GRA, the Board granted permission to NUL YK to enter into formal Settlement discussions with the City. A Settlement was reached and placed before the Board for its review and approval. The Board issued Decision 20-2011 approving all outstanding matters arising from the Phase 2 GRA, as filed on June 29, 2011 subject to the changes required by the Settlement, as filed on November 25, 2011. The Board also approved the Price Schedules and the TCS, as final and effective January 1, 2012.

# Northland Utilities (NWT) Limited ("NUL NWT")

# 2011 to 2013 Phase 1 and 2 GRA

By letter dated April 21, 2011, NUL NWT filed its Phase 1 GRA with respect to the test period 2011 to 2013. On June 29, 2011, NUL NWT filed its Phase 2 GRA.

With respect to the Phase 1 GRA, the Board granted permission to NUL NWT to enter into formal Settlement discussions with Hay River and Fort Providence. A Settlement was reached and placed before the Board for its review and approval. The Board issued Decision 17-2011 approving the Settlement and directed NUL NWT to refile a complete set of Phase 1 revenue requirement schedules reflecting the Settlement together with any request for rate adjustment within 30 days of the Decision.

In a letter dated November 28, 2011, NUL NWT submitted a Compliance Filing Application, in accordance with Board Decision 17-2011. The Board issued Decision 23-2011 and approved the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Phase 1 revenue requirement schedules, the TCS and the Rider R, K and E Rate Schedules, effective January 1, 2012.

The Board held a hearing on the Phase 2 GRA on November 28 and 29, 2011 in Yellowknife. The Board will be issuing a decision on the Phase 2 GRA in early 2012.

### Other Matters

The Board dealt with other regulatory matters that are detailed in the decision summary.

Board members participated in the Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting hosted by the Canadian Association of Members of Public Utility Tribunals ("CAMPUT"). CAMPUT is the Board's primary resource for providing staff and Board members with training and education in areas of utility regulation.

On April 13 and 14, 2011, Sandra Jaque, Board member and Louise Larocque, Board Secretary attended a CAMPUT Revenue Requirement Course in Calgary AB. Peter Guther and Jake Heron, Board members, attended the CAMPUT Energy Regulation Course in Kingston ON, from June 12 to 17, 2011.

# A LOOK AHEAD

With the 2011, 2012 and 2013 GRAs completed for NUL YK and nearing completion for NUL NWT, the base rates for those affected communities will be established until December 31, 2013. The Board anticipates the filing of the next set of NUL GRAs in late 2013 to cover the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

For NTPC, the Board is expecting the filing of its Phase 1 GRA early in 2012 with the Phase 2 GRA to be filed afterwards. The Board expects that dealing with those applications will be the Board's major initiative for 2012.

The Board could receive applications concerning the natural gas shortage situations in both Inuvik and Norman Wells but it is not able to speculate as to what those applications might contain or when they might be filed.

The Board is also aware that the City of Yellowknife is advancing its geothermal district energy heating project, which will need to be brought to the Board for approval at the appropriate time in its development.

# **SUMMARY OF 2011 BOARD DECISIONS**

# **DECISION 1-2011**

**February 1, 2011** 

# Application:

By letter dated December 1, 2010, the counsel for the Thermal Generation Communities ("**TGC**"), Mr. G. Ranji Jeerakathil, made an application to the Board for intervener costs with respect to the application to implement the Guidelines proceeding, in an amount of \$11,447.25.

By letter dated December 16, 2010, NTPC advised that they had reviewed the application and had no comments.

### Order:

The Board awarded costs in the amount of \$11,447.25 to the TGC.

# **DECISION 2-2011**

**February 8. 2011** 

# Application:

By letter dated January 14, 2011, NTPC filed the rate stabilization fund application and rider reconciliations, in accordance with Decision 16-2010.

### Order:

The Board reviewed the schedules and information provided by NTPC and approved the rider reconciliations and transfers of the balances.

# **DECISION 3-2011**

February 16, 2011

# Application:

By letter dated February 8, 2010, NUL NWT filed an application to decrease the existing Diesel Generation Rider (Rider I) for Hay River.

### Order:

The Board reviewed the schedules and information provided by NUL NWT and approved the rate rider, effective March 1, 2011.

# **DECISION 4-2011**

March 8, 2011

### **Application:**

By letter dated February 17, 2011, the counsel for the Hydro Communities ("**HC**"), Mr. Thomas D. Marriott, made an application to the Board for intervener

costs with respect to the application to implement the Guidelines proceeding, in an amount of \$12,029.40.

By letter dated March 1, 2011, NTPC advised that they had reviewed the application and had no comments.

### Order:

The Board awarded costs in the amount of \$12,029.40 to the HC.

# **DECISION 5-2011**

March 11, 2011

# Application:

By letter dated February 16, 2011, NTPC applied to finalize the interim rates approved in Board Decision 17-2010.

### Order:

The Board reviewed the letter provided by NTPC and the responses to the Information Requests and approved NTPC's interim rates as final rates for the period from December 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 and going forward from April 1, 2011. NTPC's head office costs and the allocations included in the November 25, 2010 refiling were approved as final for the period from December 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 and going forward from April 1, 2011.

# **DECISION 6-2011**

March 21, 2011

### Application:

By letter dated March 11, 2011, NUL NWT filed an application to adjust the existing Fuel Clause Adjustment Rider (Rider A) for the community of Fort Providence, Dory Point/Kakisa and Trout Lake.

### Order:

The Board reviewed the schedules and information provided by NUL NWT and approved the rate rider, effective April 1, 2011.

# **DECISION 7-2011**

**April 14, 2011** 

# Application:

By letter dated June 30, 2010, Northland filed an application for recovery of costs relating to an Inquiry, as part of an omnibus application dealing with several other matters. In the application, Northland proposed to collect the following amounts from customers by way of Rider H:

Northland Utilities (Yellowknife) Limited

\$ 43,211

# Northland Utilities (NWT) Limited \$29,428 Total Collection from Customers \$72,639

On November 24, 2010, the NWT Supreme Court released Decision 2010 NWTSC 92. In that Decision the Supreme Court granted Northland's request for variance of Board Decisions 24-2008 and 25-2008 on the grounds the Board did not have the jurisdiction to order Northland to return to customers an unexpected amount of revenue arising from tax deductions received in a non-test year for which the rates were final.

The Board requested and received comments from parties on whether the Supreme Court Decision should affect the Board's decision in dealing with the Application for recovery of costs related to the Inquiry.

### Order:

The Board reviewed the Supreme Court Decision and the arguments made by the parties and did not approve the recovery of costs related to the Section 52 Inquiry.

# **DECISION 8-2011**

June 22, 2011

# Application:

By letter dated April 21, 2011, NUL NWT filed its Phase 1 GRA with respect to the test period 2011 to 2013. As part of the Phase 1 Application, NUL NWT requested approval of interim refundable rates effective July 1, 2011. NUL NWT also requested approval of changes to Rider H to reflect recovery of certain 2010 deferral account balances, effective July 1, 2011.

By letter dated April 27, 2011, the Board set out the GRA hearing schedule including dates for Information Requests, Argument and Reply respecting the Interim Application and the Rider H Application.

# Order:

The Board reviewed the schedules and information provided by NUL NWT and approved the Rate Riders K and H, effective July 1, 2011.

### **DECISION 9-2011**

June 22, 2011

### Application:

By letter dated April 21, 2011, NUL YK filed its Phase 1 GRA with respect to the test period 2011 to 2013. As part of the Phase 1 Application, NUL YK requested approval of interim refundable rates effective July 1, 2011. NUL YK also requested approval of changes to Rider H to reflect recovery of certain 2010

deferral account balances and changes to Rider T to reflect changes arising from the 25kV conversion costs deferral account, effective July 1, 2011.

By letter dated April 27, 2011, the Board set out the GRA hearing schedule including dates for Information Requests, Argument and Reply respecting the Interim Application and the Rider H and T Application.

# Order:

The Board reviewed the schedules and information provided by NUL NWT and approved the Rate Riders K, H and T, effective July 1, 2011.

# **DECISION 10-2011**

June 22, 2011

# Application:

By letter dated June 10, 2011, NUL NWT filed an application to adjust the existing Fuel Clause Adjustment Rider (Rider A) for the communities of Fort Providence, Dory Point/Kakisa and Wekweti.

### Order:

The Board reviewed the schedules and information provided by NUL NWT and approved the rate rider, effective July 1, 2011.

# **DECISION 11-2011**

July 18, 2011

# Application:

By letter dated June 13, 2011, the counsel for the City and Hay River ("**YK-HR**"), Mr. Thomas D. Marriott, made an application to the Board for intervener costs with respect to the application to implement the Section 52 High Consumption Review, in an amount of \$10,329.53.

By letter dated June 28, 2011, NUL NWT and NUL YK advised that they had reviewed the application and had no comments.

# Order:

The Board awarded costs in the amount of \$10,329.53 to YK-HR.

# **DECISION 12-2011**

August 9, 2011

### Application:

By letter dated April 21, 2011, NUL YK submitted to the Board a Phase 1 GRA for the 2011/2013 test period.

On June 22, 2011, NUL YK requested permission and direction of the Board to enter into formal Settlement discussions with the City. The Board, by letter dated June 23, 2011, granted permission to NUL YK and also directed NUL to advise the Board by July 31, 2011 as to whether or not a Settlement had or would be concluded.

On July 29, 2011, NUL YK requested Board approval of the Settlement and indicated that the Settlement had been arrived as a "package deal" agreement between NUL YK and the City.

### Order:

The Settlement was presented to the Board as a take-it-or-leave-it package deal in which the Board's options were to approve or reject the Settlement in its entirety. In light of the concerns identified and the options available to the Board, the Board decided to reject the Settlement and proceed with the remainder of the scheduled hearing process.

The Board stated that if the parties wished to revise and refile an amended Settlement then that option was available but the Board would need to be advised soon if that was the desired approach.

# **DECISION 13-2011**

August 26, 2011

# Application:

By letter dated August 12, 2011, NUL YK advised the Board that NUL YK and the City had successfully negotiated revisions to the Settlement. NUL YK and the City considered that they had comprehensively addressed the concerns raised by the Board and had negotiated amendments which provided additional clarity to the previously filed Settlement. NUL YK submitted the revised Settlement and the parties requested that the Board approve this Settlement as a "package deal". The parties also requested that the Board continue the suspension of the Hearing schedule until the Board had had the opportunity to consider and rule upon this revised Settlement.

Subsequent to the filing of the Revised Settlement dated August 12, 2011, NUL YK indicated by letter dated August 19, 2011 that NUL YK and the City had concluded that additional clarification regarding Clause 12 of the Settlement would be of assistance to the Board in its consideration of this Agreement.

Accordingly, an Amended Settlement ("Amended Settlement"), reflecting a change to the wording of Clause 12 was filed with the Board on August 19, 2011. The parties indicated the above was the only change to the Revised Settlement dated August 12, 2011. The Amended Settlement was also filed as a "package deal" in accordance with the Board's governing legislation.

### Order:

The Board approved the Amended Settlement dated August 19, 2011, as filed. NUL YK was directed to refile a complete set of Phase 1 revenue requirement schedules reflecting the Amended Settlement together with any request for rate adjustment within 30 days of this Decision. In its refiling of the Phase 1 Application, NUL YK was directed to clarify the parties' intent respecting the NUL YK proposed changes to maximum investment levels and provide the amended TCS reflecting any changes to the maximum investment levels.

# **DECISION 14-2011**

**September 29, 2011** 

# Application:

By letter dated September 12, 2011, NUL NWT filed an application to adjust the existing Fuel Clause Adjustment Rider (Rider A) for the communities of Hay River, Fort Providence and Dory Point/Kakisa.

### Order:

The Board reviewed the schedules and information provided by NUL NWT and approved the rate rider, effective October 1, 2011.

# **DECISION 15-2011**

**September 30, 2011** 

# Application:

By letter dated June 30, 2011, NTPC submitted a Refined Project Cost Forecast and Economic Analysis with respect to the Bluefish Lake Dam Replacement Project.

### Order:

The Board accepted the refined cost forecast in the Bluefish Dam Replacement Project in the amount of \$37.4 million and directed NTPC to provide a post completion report providing justification for the various elements of actual project costs with well supported reasons for material budget variances, at the time the project is proposed for inclusion in rate base.

# **DECISION 16-2011**

October 25, 2011

# Application:

In a letter dated September 23, 2011, NUL YK submitted a Compliance Filing Application, in accordance with Board Decision 13-2011. The Compliance Filing included a complete set of Phase 1 revenue requirement schedules reflecting the Amended Settlement together with a request for approval of final rates for 2011.

### Order:

The Board approved the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Phase 1 revenue requirement schedules, the Terms and Conditions of Service and the Rate Schedules, effective November 1, 2011.

# **DECISION 17-2011**

November 14, 2011

# Application:

By letter dated April 21, 2011, NUL NWT submitted to the Board a Phase 1 GRA for the 2011-2013 test period.

On August 8, 2011, NUL NWT requested permission and direction of the Board to enter into formal Settlement discussions with Hay River and Fort Providence. The Board, by letter dated August 10, 2011, granted permission to NUL NWT and also directed NUL to advise the Board by September 9, 2011 as to whether or not a Settlement had or would be concluded.

On October 4, 2011, NUL NWT requested Board approval of the Settlement and indicated that the Settlement had been arrived as a "package deal" agreement between NUL NWT, Hay River and Fort Providence.

### Order:

The Board approved the Settlement and directed NUL NWT to refile a complete set of Phase 1 revenue requirement schedules reflecting the Settlement together with any request for rate adjustment within 30 days of this Decision.

# **DECISION 18-2011**

**December 15, 2011** 

# Application:

By letter dated November 22, 2011, NUL NWT applied to the Board for approval to issue a long term debt instrument in the amount of \$350,000, by way of an unsecured debenture with an interest rate of 4.58% to ATCO Electric Ltd.

# Order:

After reviewing the application, the Board approved the issuance of the Debenture, in the principal amount of \$350,000 at an interest rate of 4.58% to ATCO Electric Ltd.

# **DECISION 19-2011**

**December 15, 2011** 

# Application:

By letter dated November 22, 2011, NUL YK applied to the Board for approval to issue a long term debt instrument in the amount of \$320,000, by way of an unsecured debenture with an interest rate of 4.58% to ATCO Electric Ltd.

### Order:

After reviewing the application, the Board approved the issuance of the Debenture, in the principal amount of \$320,000 at an interest rate of 4.58% to ATCO Electric Ltd.

# **DECISION 20-2011**

**December 21, 2011** 

# **Application:**

By letter dated June 29, 2011, NUL YK submitted to the Board a Phase 2 GRA for the 2011/2013 test period.

On September 21, 2011, NUL YK requested permission and direction of the Board to enter into formal Settlement discussions with the City. The Board, by letter dated September 23, 2011, granted permission to NUL YK and also directed NUL to advise the Board by November 4, 2011 as to whether or not a Settlement had or would be concluded.

On November 25, 2011, NUL YK requested Board approval of the Settlement and indicated that the Settlement had been arrived as a "package deal" agreement between NUL YK and the City.

### Order:

The Board approved all outstanding matters arising from the Phase 2 GRA, as filed on June 29, 2011 subject to the changes required by the Settlement, as filed on November 25, 2011.

The Board also approved the Price Schedules and the TCS, as final and effective January 1, 2012.

### **DECISION 21-2011**

**December 21, 2011** 

### Application:

By letter dated November 23, 2011, the counsel for the City, Mr. Thomas D. Marriott, made an application to the Board for intervener costs with respect to NUL YK's Phase 1 GRA, in an amount of \$45,132.60.

By letter dated June 28, 2011, NUL YK stated that it had reviewed the City's application and found the costs submitted reasonable.

# Order:

The Board awarded costs in the amount of \$45,132.60 to the City.

# **DECISION 22-2011**

**December 21, 2011** 

# Application:

By letter dated November 25, 2011, the counsel for Fort Providence, Mr. G. Rangi Jeerakathil, made an application to the Board for intervener costs with respect to NUL NWT's Phase 1 GRA, in an amount of \$35,397.58.

By letter dated December 14, 2011, NUL NWT stated that it had reviewed Fort Providence's application and found the costs submitted reasonable.

### Order:

The Board awarded costs in the amount of \$35,397.58 to Fort Providence.

# **DECISION 23-2011**

**December 21, 2011** 

# Application:

In a letter dated November 28, 2011, NUL NWT submitted a Compliance Filing Application, in accordance with Board Decision 17-2011. The Compliance Filing included a complete set of Phase 1 revenue requirement schedules reflecting the Settlement together with a request for approval of final rates for 2011.

### Order:

The Board approved the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Phase 1 revenue requirement schedules, the TCS and the Rider R, K and E Rate Schedules, effective January 1, 2012.