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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES' PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARDYellowknife, N.W.T.
January 26, 1976.S.M. Hodgson, Esq.,
Commissioner of the
Northwest Territories,
YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 16; Chapter 23 of the Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, Canada; being an Ordinance to Establish a Public Utilities Board in the Northwest Territories, I respectfully submit the following report for the year ended December 31, 1975.

During the year under review, the constitution of the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board remained unaltered. Under the Chairmanship of John H. Parker of Yellowknife, Mr. Chester M. Wilkinson of Yellowknife and Mr. William A. Case of Yellowknife acted as members of the Board. During the month of January, 1975, Mr. Earl Johnson from the Territorial Department of Public Services, was appointed as Legal Counsel to the Board and Mr. William Carpenter of the Territorial Department of Planning and Program Evaluation was appointed as Secretary to the Board.

During 1975 the Northwest Public Utilities Board held a total of four separate Public Hearings:

- 1) On March 13, 1975, the Board held a Public Hearing in the Settlement of Fort Providence, N.W.T. concerning application for approval of a franchise renewal between the Commissioner of the N.W.T. and Alberta Power Limited for the

supply of electrical energy to the consumers in the Settlement of Fort Providence. At the same hearing the Board heard submissions and evidence concerning a complaint under Section 25 of the Public Utilities Ordinance with respect to a proposed rate increase by Alberta Power Limited for the Settlement of Fort Providence.

- 2) On March 13, 1975, the Board held a Public Hearing in the Town of Hay River, N.W.T. concerning a complaint under Section 25 of the Public Utilities Ordinance with respect to a proposed rate increase by Alberta Power Limited for the Town of Hay River and the Settlement of Enterprise, N.W.T.
- 3) On March 14, 1975, the Board held a Public Hearing in the City of Yellowknife, N.W.T. as a means or forum for receiving public input with regards to proposed rate increases by Northern Canada Power Commission, a federal crown corporation over which the Board had no jurisdiction under the Public Utilities Ordinance.
- 4) On September 10, 1975, the Board held a Public Hearing in the Town of Hay River concerning a complaint under Section 25 of the Public Utilities Ordinance with respect to a proposed rate increase by Alberta Power Limited for the Town of Hay River, N.W.T.

The Board was required to meet as a body on five separate occasions during the year.

- 1) On March 12, 1975, the Board met to review procedures and information relevant to Public Hearings.
- 2) On March 18, 1975, the Board met to make decisions based on submissions and evidence presented at Public Hearings on March 13, 1975, at Fort Providence and Hay River, N.W.T.
- 3) On June 10, 1975, the Board met to deal with a complaint by the Town of Hay River regarding the

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effective date that Alberta Power used for application of new rates previously approved by the Board.

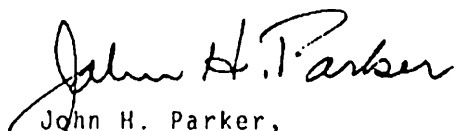
- 4) On September 25, 1975, the Board met to make decisions based on submissions and evidence presented at a Public Hearing on September 10th in Hay River, N.W.T. and with respect to the September 8, 1975, City of Yellowknife By-Law No. 1720.
- 5) On December 8, 1975, the Board met to make a decision based on the October 14, 1975, recalculations carried out by Alberta Power Limited in accordance with a previous Board decision.

In 1975 the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board issued a total of six decisions. The decision of the Board (numbered 75-1 to 75-6 inclusive) and the orders contained therein, are appended to this report.

In accordance with Section 23 of the Public Utilities Ordinance the Board received and filed such information as required under this section.

The Chairman and Secretary of the Board received and replied to a variety of correspondence from private persons and company officials connected with the provision; generations; supply or use of electrical energy. All such correspondence has been filed with the Board Secretary.

The above completes the Report of the Northwest Territories' Public Utilities Board for the calendar year 1975 and is, Sir, respectfully submitted.



John H. Parker,
Chairman,
Northwest Territories'
Public Utilities Board.

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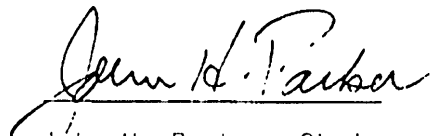
DECISION NO. 75-6 ADJUDICATION ON A COMPLAINT REGARDING A
PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR THE TOWN OF
HAY RIVER.

Concerning: An adjudication by the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board upon a complaint under Section 25 of the Public Utilities Ordinance with respect to a proposed rate increase by Alberta Power Limited for the Town of Hay River.

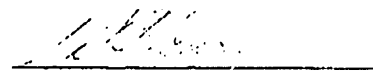
At a meeting of the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board held in Yellowknife on December 8, 1975, the Board made the following order based on the recalculations carried out by Alberta Power Limited and submitted to the Board on October 14, 1975, pursuant to Decision No. 75-4 of the Board.

The new rate schedules numbered 13-8, 23-8 and 23-9 filed with the Board on October 14, 1975, and attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A; along with rate schedules 62, 64, closed Rider B, Rider C, Rider D, Rider E, Rider G and closed Rider K from the July 4, 1975 submission and attached hereto and marked as Exhibit B, shall be charged where applicable to consumers at Hay River, N.W.T. on all billings mailed on or after October 4, 1975.

Dated at the City of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, this 12th day of December 1975.



John H. Parker, Chairman,



W. A. Case, Member



C. M. Wilkinson, Member

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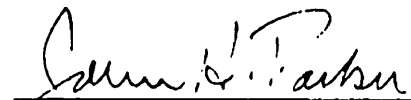
DECISION No. 75-5: A DECISION BY THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD CONCERNING A PROPOSED RATE INCREASE CONTAINED IN CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE BY-LAW No. 1720, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE AND PLAINS-WESTERN GAS & ELECTRIC CO. LTD.

Concerning: A decision by the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board concerning approval of the proposed rate increase of Plains-Western Gas & Electric Co. Ltd., as contained in City of Yellowknife By-Law No. 1720.

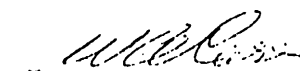
At a meeting of the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board, held in Yellowknife on 25 September 1975, the Board made the following order pursuant to Section 36 of the Public Utilities Ordinance.

The new rates of Plains-Western Gas & Electric Co. Ltd. as contained in City of Yellowknife By-law No. 1720 and attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" shall be charged where applicable by Plains-Western, upon coming into effect of By-Law No. 1720.

Dated at the City of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, this 30th day of September 1975.



John H. Parker, Chairman



W. A. Case, Member

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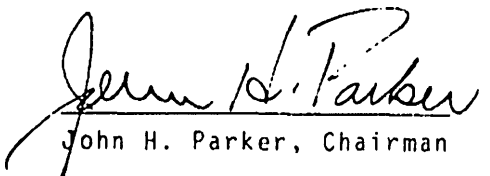
DECISION No. 75-4: ADJUDICATION ON A COMPLAINT REGARDING A
PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR THE TOWN OF
HAY RIVER.

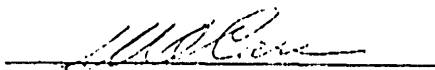
Concerning: An adjudication by the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board upon a complaint under Section 25 of the Public Utilities Ordinance with respect to a proposed rate increase by Alberta Power Limited for the Town of Hay River.

At a meeting of the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board held in Yellowknife on September 25, 1975, the Board made the following order based on the submissions and evidence presented by the Council of the Town of Hay River, and officials of Alberta Power at a Public Hearing held in Hay River on Wednesday evening, September 10, 1975.

The new rates as filed by Alberta Power Limited in their submission of July 4th, 1975, shall not be introduced on October 4, 1975, but rather the Board will permit rates to be introduced on October 4, 1975, which will produce a 10.6% rate of return on rate base as opposed to the 11.2% return on rate base outlined in the July 4, 1975, submission of Alberta Power Limited.

Dated at the City of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, this 30th day of September 1975.


John H. Parker, Chairman


W. A. Case, Member

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DECISION No. 75-3: ADJUDICATION ON A COMPLAINT REGARDING A
PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR THE SETTLEMENT
OF ENTERPRISE AND THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER

Concerning: An adjudication by the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board upon a complaint under Section 25 of the Public Utilities Ordinance with respect to a proposed rate increase by Alberta Power Limited for the Town of Hay River and the settlements of Fort Providence and Enterprise.


At a meeting of the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board held in Yellowknife on March 18, 1975, the Board made the following order based on the submissions and evidence presented by the Council of the Town of Hay River, the Government of the Northwest Territories and officials of Alberta Power at a Public Hearing held in Hay River on Thursday evening, March 13, 1975.

The new rates as filed by Alberta Power Limited and marked as Exhibit "A" shall be charged where applicable by Alberta Power to the consumers at Hay River and Enterprise effective April 1, 1975.

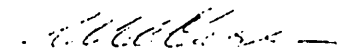
The Board further orders that:

The fuel clause in Exhibit "A" where applicable to Hay River and Enterprise shall be rewritten and submitted to the Board for further approval.

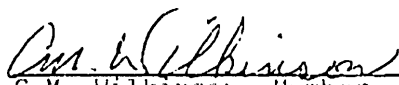
Dated at the City of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, this 20th day of March 1975.



John H. Parker, Chairman



W.A. Case, Member



C.M. Wilkinson, Member

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DECISION No. 75-2: ADJUDICATION ON A COMPLAINT REGARDING A
PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR THE SETTLEMENT
OF FORT PROVIDENCE

Concerning: An adjudication by the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board upon a complaint under Section 25 of the Public Utilities Ordinance with respect to a proposed rate increase by Alberta Power Limited for the Town of Hay River and the settlements of Fort Providence and Enterprise.

At a meeting of the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board held in Yellowknife on March 18, 1975, the Board made the following order based on the submissions and evidence presented by the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Council of the settlement of Fort Providence and officials of Alberta Power Limited at a Public Hearing held at Fort Providence on Thursday afternoon, March 13, 1975.

The new rates as filed by Alberta Power Limited and attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" shall be charged where applicable by Alberta Power to the consumers at Fort Providence, effective April 1, 1975.

The Board further orders that:

The fuel clause in Exhibit "A" where applicable to Fort Providence shall be rewritten and submitted to the Board for further approval.

In ordering the rate increases in Exhibit "A", the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board makes the following observations:

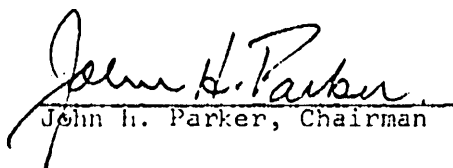
(a) that the rate increases filed by Alberta Power Limited with the Board on the 27th day of December, 1974, grouped together the Town of Hay River and the settlements of Fort Providence and Enterprise.

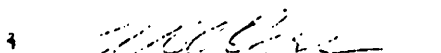
(b) that the complaint received from the Town of Hay River under Section 25 of the Public Utilities Ordinance on February 12, 1975 related to the rate increases for all three areas and accordingly the Board decided at a preliminary.

meeting held on March 12, 1975 in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, that at the Public Hearing in Fort Providence the Board would hear submissions from interested parties with respect to the rate increase for Fort Providence.

(c) that the representatives of Alberta Power Limited agreed at the Fort Providence Public Hearing to follow the procedure referred to in paragraph (b).

Dated at the City of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, this 20th day of March 1975.


John H. Parker, Chairman


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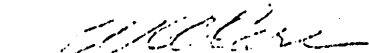
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Dated at the City of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, this 20th day of March 1975.



John H. Parker, Chairman



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