

Whitehorse Rapids Generating Station 20-Year Licence Renewal (2025-2045) Compensation Claim Process

Yukon Energy's existing Water Use Licence (Licence HY99-010) for the Whitehorse Rapids Generating Station (WRGS) authorizes Yukon Energy to use water in the Yukon River, which comes from Marsh, Tagish and Bennett lakes, as well as from Atlin and other parts of the Southern Lakes area, to generate renewable electricity at the WRGS. Our existing licence expires on May 31, 2025. We are seeking to renew our existing licence for a term of twenty years.

We wish to identify individuals who believe that they **will be** adversely affected by the ongoing operation of the WRGS over the 20-year renewal period (2025-2045) and who may have a potential compensation claim under the *Yukon Waters Act*.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible to claim for compensation?

Any person whose individual water use activities (including traditional activities such as fishing, hunting by water, trapping or outfitting, plant or berry collection) or whose personal property will be negatively impacted during the proposed 20-year term of the renewed water licence for the Whitehorse Rapids Generating Station (i.e. from June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2045) as a direct result of Yukon Energy's use of water for electricity production.

2. What are the main steps in the compensation process?

- Fill out the claim compensation form and submit by email to compensation@yukonenergy.ca or by mail to:

Attn: WRGS Compensation Claim
Yukon Energy Corporation
#2 Miles Canyon Road
P.O. Box 5920
Whitehorse Yukon, Y1A 6S7

before January 15, 2025.

- Yukon Energy may contact you with questions or to clarify information in your claim compensation form.
- If you are claiming compensation within the scope described in FAQ #1 above, Yukon Energy will schedule an interview with you to review your claim.
- After your interview, Yukon Energy will send you an interview summary that we will use as the basis for evaluating your claim, unless you identify corrections.
- Once all the interviews are completed, Yukon Energy will determine the amount of compensation to be offered to each individual claimant based on the information provided in their application. Follow up letters will indicate if you have been offered compensation or, if not, why you have not been offered compensation.
- If offered compensation, you may either:
 - Accept the offer by signing and returning the offer letter. Upon receipt of the signed compensation offer letter, your name will be added to the list of claimants to receive compensation. OR,
 - You may decline the offer and submit a claim directly to the Yukon Water Board, if you wish to do so.

3. What information should I include in my claim compensation form?

When you respond to compensation questions 3, 4 and 5 in Yukon Energy's claim compensation form, you should include the following information, which can be attached on separate pages if necessary:

- What are all of the activities (such as fishing, hunting, trapping, berry picking, recreation, etc.) that you expect to engage in between 2025 to 2045 and that you believe will be negatively impacted by Yukon Energy's use of water?
- With what frequency (i.e., how often) do you expect to engage in each of these activities, and over what time period? This can include information about which seasons and/or months.
- Explain how and why you believe that your engagement in these activities will be negatively impacted and the extent of that negative impact.
- Do you own any property that you believe will be negatively impacted by Yukon Energy's use of water between 2025 and 2045? If so, include a

description of that property, and how and why you believe it will be damaged or otherwise negatively affected.

- Any information you are able to provide to verify your claim (such as trapping harvest/sale records, financial statements, trapline permit, outfitter's licence, etc.).
- If you are claiming that you will suffer any loss or damage going beyond nuisance or inconvenience, you should also include any information that is available to prove the amount of that loss or damage.

4. What type of questions should I be prepared to explore with Yukon Energy during my interview?

You should be prepared to answer questions on all of the same points that are listed under FAQ #3 above.

5. What are my options if I don't want to continue engagement with Yukon Energy regarding compensation or Yukon Energy does not offer me compensation and I want to pursue other options?

- Claimants are free to withdraw from Yukon Energy's compensation process at anytime.
- If you wish to pursue a claim outside the Yukon Energy process, you may also submit a claim directly to the Yukon Water Board once the Board's public notice of Yukon Energy's application is published (i.e., after they have deemed Yukon Energy's Water Use Licence application complete and it moves to the public review stage).

6. How did Yukon Energy develop the compensation process?

- Yukon Energy has referred to the compensation provisions of the *Waters Act* as well as the Yukon Water Board's Compensation Guidelines (2018).
- We have also reviewed the process we developed for the recent 5-year licence renewal for the Aishihik Generating Station in 2023.

7. When will I receive the compensation payment if I am offered compensation after the interview?

If you are eligible for compensation and accept Yukon Energy's offer of compensation, a cheque will be mailed to you after Yukon Energy receives its renewed Water Use Licence. Expected timing is June 2025.

8. Can I receive a discount on my electricity bill or electricity instead of compensation?

This is not within the scope of the compensation payment options. Compensation payments can of course be used by claimants to cover electricity bills, if desired.

9. What period is this compensation for and is there a time limit on compensation claims?

- Compensation is for negative impacts that are expected over the 20-year term of the renewed Water Use Licence, i.e. from June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2045.
- The time period for submitting compensation claims with Yukon Energy will be open until January 15, 2025 (for a total length of 75 days from the start of Yukon Energy's process on November 1, 2024).
- If claimants wish to submit claims directly to the Yukon Water Board, Yukon Energy expects that the Water Board will provide more information about their process in a Public Notice to be issued early in 2025.

10. What about compensation for past licence renewals and impacts?

The compensation process applies only for the upcoming 20 years, as it is tied to the current application to renew Yukon Energy's Water Use Licence for a proposed 20-year term. No compensation will be available through this process for any impacts experienced before June 1, 2025.

11. How do I get help to fill out my application?

In-person at one of the following open houses:

Dec 2 MARSH LAKE

Marsh Lake Community Centre
5pm to 7pm



#2 Miles Canyon Road
Box 5920, Whitehorse
Yukon Y1A 6S7
yukonenergy.ca

Dec 3 TAGISH

Tagish Community Centre
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dec 4 WHITEHORSE

Takhini Arena
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dec 5 CARCROSS

Haa Shagoon Hidi
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

OR

By email: compensation@yukonenergy.ca