

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN:**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
represented by the Premier

(referred to as "British Columbia")

**AND:**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF YUKON**  
represented by the Premier

(referred to as "Yukon")

**(Collectively referred to as "the Parties" and each separately as a "Party")**

## **CONTEXT:**

The Yukon Development Corporation, on behalf of the Government of Yukon and with support from the Government of British Columbia (the Parties), secured \$40 million in Critical Minerals Infrastructure Funding from Natural Resources Canada to explore interconnection of the Yukon and British Columbia electrical grids (the Yukon-BC Grid Connect project).

Per the Contribution Agreement signed February 14, 2025, “the objective of this Yukon-British Columbia Grid Connect Project is to address gaps in clean electricity infrastructure that limit the production and expansion of critical mineral resources in Canada by advancing the pre-construction requirements to develop a transmission line and ultimately support critical minerals mining activities in Yukon and northern British Columbia”.

## **PURPOSE:**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) guides coordination and collaboration between the governments of Yukon and British Columbia (BC) through the exploration, planning and design phases of establishing a clean electricity corridor connecting the Yukon and BC electrical grids which will enhance economic opportunity, energy security, reconciliation and climate change mitigation in both jurisdictions.

## **WHEREAS:**

- I. The Parties are united in their interest to strengthen Canadian self-sufficiency, security, and resilience through development of Yukon-BC economic and clean electricity corridors which assure prosperity and energy security for present and future generations.
- II. The Parties are committed to advancing reconciliation with First Nations in alignment with final agreements and constitutional and legislative obligations, including through establishment of Indigenous partnership and ownership approaches.
- III. The Parties are mutually interested in promoting economic prosperity through delivery of cost-effective renewable electricity for critical mineral and other industrial developments.
- IV. The Parties each view the bi-directional power flow enabled by Yukon-BC Grid Connect as a promising opportunity and seek to expeditiously increase renewable electricity generation and transmission to meet respective demand associated with growing populations, accelerating electrification and net-zero carbon emissions goals for 2050.

## **The Parties intend to:**

1. Establish interjurisdictional roles and responsibilities to ensure effective coordination and efficient collaboration between the Parties throughout the Yukon-BC Grid Connect project to address gaps in clean electricity infrastructure that limit the production and expansion of critical mineral resources in Canada, including the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Advance reconciliation, build Indigenous partnerships and create ownership models, in alignment with Final Agreements and constitutional and legislative obligations, through coordinated engagement on the Yukon-BC Grid Connect project with affected First Nations in the Yukon and northwestern BC.
3. Jointly advocate with the Government of Canada that the Yukon-BC Grid Connect project is a nation-building investment which builds an economic and clean electricity corridor to unlock economic opportunity and energy security for the Yukon and northwestern BC, advances critical mineral development, national security, Arctic sovereignty, climate change adaptation and economic resilience.
3. Advance feasibility studies for the Yukon-BC Grid Connect project when necessary, in an integrated and coordinated manner, including considering forecasted supply and demand in the Yukon and British Columbia, technical design, routing, project economics and financing opportunities.
4. Coordinate engagement with stakeholders and communities on the Yukon-BC Grid Connect project when required, particularly at key junctures necessary to consider remote community grid integration, understand interests and concerns with the transmission line, forecasted future electricity supply and demand, and fulfill expectations for government accountability and transparency.
5. Explore opportunities to expedite project planning, assessment and regulatory processes, and construction timelines for the Yukon-BC Grid Connect project, should it prove feasible. This could include learning from the development and construction of the North Coast Transmission Line.
6. Develop governance and financial models when required for construction of the transmission line and operations of an interconnected grid, should it prove feasible, so as to meet respective needs for reliable, cost-effective, renewable electricity energy. This includes joint advocacy with Government of Canada to access federal funding.
7. Leverage synergies to increase renewable electricity generation to meet the shared need for electricity due to population and economic growth and electrification efforts, including learning from and building on successes of the BC's North Coast

Transmission Line, Calls for Power, Requests for Expressions of Interest for capacity and energy efficiency projects, and Yukon's Independent Power Production policy to create a strong and diverse energy economy.

## **ADMINISTRATION:**

For the purposes of this MOU:

British Columbia designates the Deputy Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions as its official contact in British Columbia. Contact: Peter Pokorny, [peter.pokorny@gov.bc.ca](mailto:peter.pokorny@gov.bc.ca)

Yukon designates the President and CEO of Yukon Development Corporation as its official contact in the Yukon. Contact: Gary Gazankas, [gary.gazankas@yukon.ca](mailto:gary.gazankas@yukon.ca)

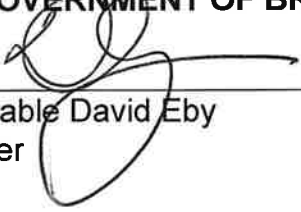
These representatives will be the respective governments' lead contact for all matters relating to this MOU and for the coordination of activities involving the Parties.

## **TERMS OF MOU:**

- The term of this MOU is the duration of the Contribution Agreement with Natural Resources Canada for the Yukon-BC Grid Connect Project, commencing on May 26 2025, and expiring on March 31 2030, inclusive.
- This MOU is intended to indicate the Parties' intention to work together. This Agreement is not legally binding on the Parties in any way.
- The MOU may be amended or extended by both Parties in writing during the progression of phases of the Yukon-BC Grid Connect Project, including on determination of Project feasibility to advance to construction.
- Either of the Parties may terminate this MOU at any time upon giving 30 days written notice to the other Party.

Their duly authorized representatives have executed this MOU on behalf of each of the Parties, on the dates noted below.

**THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

  
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Honorable David Eby  
Premier

May 22, 2025  
Date

**THE GOVERNMENT OF YUKON**

  
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Honorable Ranj Pillai  
Premier

May 22, 2025  
Date