

**Subject:** Query to the Minister of Justice: Is it ok to alter invoices from subcontractors to get paid more?

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Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Justice,

Is it ok to alter invoices to get paid more? How much is too much, or are small amounts acceptable?

At the conclusion of 2023-24 Yukon Energy (YEC) General Rate Application (GRA) proceeding, YEC submitted a cost claim for costs associated with the GRA, with redacted / altered information. With these redacted /altered items, YEC charged inappropriate and irrelevant legal costs to this GRA.

My understanding is that you're not supposed to alter subcontractor's invoice to get paid more, though YEC seems to disagree. And of course it's not just about the money. It's about YEC making a false document and submitting it to the Yukon Utilities Board (YUB)- with the costs to be added to customer rates. What is YG's policy on material alterations to documents and false documents? Are these things acceptable?

While it is normal practice to redact (and not charge for) items on an invoice not relevant to a GRA proceeding, this is not what YEC has done. Instead YEC has simply altered the invoices to make things that are irrelevant and inappropriate appear to be chargeable.

So again the main questions:

- 1) Is it ok to alter invoices to get paid more?
- 2) Does the Department of Justice believe that it is acceptable for YEC to provide altered and false documents to the YUB?
- 3) Is it appropriate for the YUB to act on a false document?

My comment/reply to YEC's cost claim as submitted to the YUB is attached. I provide some examples of the redacted items in section 1 and question the idea of making a false document in section 2. Does the Department of Justice have any comment on material alterations to documents?

I have also attached the unredacted pages from YEC's cost claim, and in that document a link to YEC's redacted cost claim that was submitted to the YUB. I can also provide an unredacted version of the full document (with these pages integrated) should you find that useful.

Thanks,  
-Nathaniel

— Attachments: —

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Attachment\_1--YEC\_Cost\_Claim-Reply.pdf

378 KB

Attachment\_2--Unredacted Pages YEC 2023-24 GRA Cost Claims Application.pdf

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