IN THE MATTER between **YELLOWKNIFE HOUSING AUTHORITY**, Applicant, and **ANDREA ZOE**, Respondent;

AND IN THE MATTER of the **Residential Tenancies Act** R.S.N.W.T. 1988, Chapter R-5 (the "Act")and amendments thereto;

AND IN THE MATTER of a Hearing before, **HAL LOGSDON**, Rental Officer, regarding the rental premises at **YELLOWKNIFE**, **NT**.

BETWEEN:

YELLOWKNIFE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Applicant/Landlord

- and -

ANDREA ZOE

Respondent/Tenant

EVICTION ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to section 63(4)(a) of the *Residential Tenancies Act*, the respondent shall be evicted from the premises known as 772 Bigelow Crescent, Yellowknife, NT on January 5, 2012.

DATED at the City of Yellowknife, in the Northwest Territories this 15th day of December, 2011.

Hal Logsdon Rental Officer IN THE MATTER between **YELLOWKNIFE HOUSING AUTHORITY**, Applicant, and **ANDREA ZOE**, Respondent.

AND IN THE MATTER of the **Residential Tenancies Act** R.S.N.W.T. 1988, Chapter R-5 (the "Act");

AND IN THE MATTER of a Hearing before **Hal Logsdon**, Rental Officer.

BETWEEN:

YELLOWKNIFE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Applicant/Landlord

-and-

ANDREA ZOE

Respondent/Tenant

REASONS FOR DECISION

Date of the Hearing: December 14, 2011

Place of the Hearing: Yellowknife, NT

Appearances at Hearing: Ella Newhook, representing the applicant

Andrea Zoe, respondent

Date of Decision: December 15, 2011

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REASONS FOR DECISION

This tenancy agreement was terminated on November 30, 2011 by notice of the landlord pursuant

to section 51(5) of the Residential Tenancies Act. The respondent remains in possession of the

premises.

The notice of termination states two grounds for termination; failure to pay rent and failure to

report all occupants residing in the premises. In my opinion, if a landlord has reason to believe

that a tenant is not reporting an occupant and the tenant denies that the person is an occupant, it is

incumbent on the tenant to provide proof that the suspected occupant resides elsewhere. In my

opinion, the termination of the tenancy agreement and eviction of the tenant on these grounds

alone is only justified if the landlord demands such proof and the tenant refuses or fails to

provide it. In this matter, there is no evidence that the applicant demanded proof of residence for

the alleged occupant.

In my opinion, the eviction of the respondent is justified only on the grounds of non-payment of

rent. An eviction order to be effective on January 5, 2012 shall issue.

Hal Logsdon

Rental Officer