IN THE MATTER between **YELLOWKNIFE HOUSING AUTHORITY**, Applicant, and **LAURA TUTCHO**, 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 -

LAURA TUTCHO

Respondent/Tenant

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Pursuant to section 41(4)(a) of the *Residential Tenancies Act*, the respondent shall pay the applicant rent arrears in the amount of six hundred fifty three dollars (\$653.00).
- 2. Pursuant to section 41(4)(c) and 83(2) of the *Residential Tenancies Act*, the tenancy agreement between the parties for the premises known as 1467 Gitzel Street, Yellowknife, NT shall be terminated on March 31, 2014 and the respondent shall vacate the premises on that date unless the rent arrears are paid in full.

DATED at the City of Yellowknife, in the Northwest Territories this 14th day of March,

Hal Logsdon Rental Officer

2014.

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REASONS FOR DECISION

Date of the Hearing: March 12, 2014

Place of the Hearing: Yellowknife, NT

Appearances at Hearing: Ella Newhook, representing the applicant

Date of Decision: March 12, 2014

REASONS FOR DECISION

The respondent was served with a Notice of Attendance sent by registered mail and confirmed delivered. The respondent failed to appear at the hearing and the hearing was held in her absence.

The applicant alleged that the respondent had breached the tenancy agreement by failing to pay rent. The applicant sought an order requiring the respondent to pay the alleged rent arrears and terminating the tenancy agreement and evicting the respondent. The premises are subsidized public housing.

The applicant provided a statement of the rent account in evidence which indicated a balance of rent owing of \$653. The applicant stated that all of the assessed rent had been calculated based on the household income of the respondent in accordance with the approved rent scale. The applicant testified that the respondent had indicated to her that the balance would be paid by March 31, 2014.

I find the statement in order and find the respondent in breach of her obligation to pay rent. I find the rent arrears to be \$653. In my opinion there are sufficient grounds to terminate the tenancy agreement unless the rent arrears are promptly paid.

An order shall issue requiring the respondent to pay the applicant rent arrears of \$653 and terminating the tenancy agreement on March 31, 2014 unless the rent arrears are paid in full.

An eviction order to be effective on April 1, 2014 unless the rent arrears are paid on or before March 31, 2014 shall be issued separately.

Hal Logsdon Rental Officer