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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER F-12-97

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

Applications for Participant Assistance Cost Awards by the
British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre and the
Association for the Advancement of Sustainable Energy Policy for the
BC Gas Utility Ltd. 1998-2002 Revenue Requirements Application and Negotiated Settlement Proceeding

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
and Acting Chair) September 18, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission by Order No. G-85-97, approved for BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") its 1998-2000 Revenue Requirements by way of a Negotiated Settlement Agreement; and
- B. On July 24, 1997 the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("BCPIAC") and on August 7, 1997, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainable Energy Policy ("AASEP") applied for participant assistance cost awards for their participation in the BC Gas proceeding; and
- C. The Commission has determined that participation by the BCPIAC and AASEP in the BC Gas negotiated settlement proceeding requires reimbursement in accordance with Commission approved guidelines; and
- D. The Commission has discussed the claim having regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order No. G-103-96.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to BCPIAC in the amount of \$34,999.76 and to AASEP in the amount of \$16,421.50.
- 2. BC Gas is directed to reimburse BCPIAC and AASEP in the total amounts awarded in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of September, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair and
Acting Chair