



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

and

Applications for Participant Assistance/Cost Awards
Regarding the December 1998 Application by BC Gas Utility Ltd.
for the Southern Crossing Pipeline Project

BEFORE: P. Ostergaard, Chair)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair) June 30, 1999

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 29, 1999, Bull, Housser and Tupper, on behalf of the Council of Forest Industries, Cominco Ltd. and Methanex Corporation ("COFI-Cominco-Methanex"), applied for a Participant Assistance/Cost Award regarding its participation in the proceeding related to the December 11, 1998 Application by BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the Southern Crossing Pipeline ("SCP") project; and
- B. On June 7, 1999, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre, on behalf of its clients the Consumers' Association of Canada (B.C. Branch) et al. ("CAC (B.C.) et al."), applied for a Participant Assistance/Cost Award for its participation in the BC Gas SCP CPCN proceeding; and
- C. The Commission has determined that the participation of COFI-Cominco-Methanex and CAC (B.C.) et al. in the BC Gas proceeding requires reimbursement in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines that were approved by Commission Order No. G-97-98 (the "Guidelines"); and
- D. The Commission has discussed the COFI-Cominco-Methanex and CAC (B.C.) et al. applications having regard to the Guidelines, and has determined that the request for funding from CAC (B.C.) et al. should be granted in full; and

E. The Commission has determined that funding for disbursements should be provided to COFI-Cominco-Methanex for approximately 50 percent of the amount claimed with respect to facsimile charges and all of the amounts claimed for other disbursements, giving a cost award for disbursements in total of \$419.06. The Commission has also determined that the funding requested by COFI-Cominco-Methanex for other costs should be granted in full.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to COFI-Cominco-Methanex and CAC (B.C.) et al. for their participation in the BC Gas SCP CPCN proceeding, as follows:

COFI-Cominco-Methanex	\$ 13,187.06
CAC (B.C.) et al.	49,772.63

2. BC Gas is directed to reimburse Bull, Housser and Tupper on behalf of COFI-Cominco-Methanex and the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre on behalf of CAC (B.C.) et al. for the total amounts awarded in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of July 1999.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Lorna R. Barr
Deputy Chair