

# BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

and

An Application for a Participant Assistance Cost Award regarding the Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. 2004 Revenue Requirements Application and Pacific Northern Gas Application to Recapitalize Under an Income Trust Ownership Structure

**BEFORE:** L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner and Panel Chair

R.J. Milbourne, Commissioner N.F. Nicholls, Commissioner

August 19, 2004

## ORDER

### WHEREAS:

- A. On July 26, 2004, the BC Old Age Pensioners Organization *et al.* ("BCOAPO") applied for a participant assistance cost award for its participation in the Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") 2004 Revenue Requirements Application and PNG's Application to Recapitalize under an Income Trust Ownership Structure; and
- B. The Commission has determined that BCOAPO's participation in the PNG proceedings warrants reimbursement in accordance with the Commission's approved guidelines; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the application with regard to the participant assistance criteria and rates set out in Commission Order No. G-15-04. The Commission Panel has determined that the BCOAPO claim for counsel and consultant time exceeds the number of days eligible for funding and the award is reduced by \$8,441.85.

### **NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to BCOAPO in the amount of \$53,504.47 for its participation in the PNG proceedings.
- 2. PNG is directed to reimburse BCOAPO for the total amount awarded in a timely fashion.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this

day of August 2004.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. Boychuk Commissioner and Panel Chair