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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-10-05**

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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
Regarding the FortisBC Inc. 2005 Revenue Requirements Application,
the 2005-2024 System Development Plan and the 2005 Resource Plan**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner July 7, 2005

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 31, 2005 the Commission by Order No. G-52-05 issued its Decision on FortisBC Inc.'s ("FortisBC") 2005 Revenue Requirements Application, the 2005-2024 System Development Plan and the 2005 Resource Plan; and
- B. On May 5, 2005 Mr. Alan Wait applied for a cost award for his participation in the proceeding; and
- C. On May 19, 2005 Donald Scarlett, on behalf of the Kootenay-Okanagan Electric Consumers Association ("KOECA") submitted a bill of costs for its participation in the proceeding; and
- D. On June 3, 2005 Mr. Richard Tarnoff, on behalf of Natural Resource Industries ("NRI") applied for a cost award for his participation in the proceeding; and
- E. On June 17, 2005 the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("BCPIAC") submitted a bill of costs on behalf of the BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization ("BCOAPO") for its participation in the proceeding; and
- F. Commission staff have advised the Panel that the applicants participated in the proceeding and contributed to the public hearing process; and

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G. The Commission has reviewed the applications for cost awards with regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order No. G-15-04.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to the following applicants for their participation in FortisBC's 2005 Revenue Requirements Application, the 2005-2024 System Development Plan and the 2005 Resource Plan.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Cost Award (\$)</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Funding</u>
Mr. Alan Wait ¹	6,732.00	7,950.94	7,950.94
KOECA	3,535.44	2,256.02	2,256.02
NRI	2,425.00	1,360.33	1,360.33
BCOAPO/BCPIAC ²	62,386.20	86,054.41	62,386.20

- 1 The Commission notes that Mr. Wait's consultant provided only a limited contribution and value to the proceedings. In the future, a similar consultant's funding request may not be approved for reimbursement.
 - 2 BCOAPO/BCPIAC's actual allocation of resources varied considerably from the plan as originally contemplated and the bill of costs as submitted is considerably over the original budget. The original budget was deemed reasonable.
2. FortisBC is directed to reimburse the above-noted participants for the total amounts awarded in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of July 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner