

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
7 NUMBER F-23-07**

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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
in an Application by Unocal Canada Limited
for an Exemption from all Provisions of the Utilities Commission Act
for the Aitken Creek Storage Facility

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner
October 26, 2007

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Letter No. L-47-06 dated August 25, 2006, advised Unocal Canada Limited (“Unocal”) that it had concluded that Unocal, as owner and/or operator of the Aitken Creek Storage Facility, falls within the definition of a public utility under the Utilities Commission Act (the “Act”); and
- B. By a submission dated October 24, 2006, Unocal applied to the Commission, pursuant to Section 88(3) of the Act, for an order exempting it from all provisions of the Act; and
- C. On May 14, 2007 the Commission issued its Reasons for Decision on the Unocal application for an exemption; and
- D. On October 4, 2007, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre on behalf of the B.C. Old Age Pensioners’ Organization et al. (“BCOAPO”), applied for a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (“PACA”) for its participation in the proceeding to review the Unocal application for an exemption (the “Proceeding”); and
- E. By letter dated October 15, 2007, Unocal stated that it has no objections to the BCOAPO application for PACA funding; and

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F. The Commission Panel has reviewed the PACA application with regard to the criteria and rates set out in the Guidelines in Commission Order No. G-15-04 and has concluded that a cost award should be approved for BCOAPO in the Proceeding.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to BCOAPO for its participation in the Proceeding in the amount of \$17,933.03.
2. Unocal is directed to reimburse BCOAPO for the total amount awarded in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 31st day of October 2007.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner