

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-6-09**

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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 Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.
2009 Rates, 2009 Cost of Service and
Revenue Deficiency Deferral Account Balance as at December 31, 2007

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner February 20, 2009
D.A. Cote, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission"), by Order G-143-08 dated September 25, 2008, set out the Regulatory Timetable for the Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. ("TGVI") filing of its 2008 Settlement Update Material, information requests, responses, the 2008 Settlement Update Meeting, undertaking responses from TGVI, Participant comments, and TGVI Reply comments; and
- B. On October 8, 2008, TGVI filed its 2008 Settlement Update filing and an application in accordance with the two-year extension of the 2006-2007 Revenue Requirement Negotiated Settlement Agreement terms for 2008 and 2009 as approved by Commission Order G-34-07 (the "Application"). The Application, filed pursuant to sections 60 and 23 of the Utilities Commission Act (the "Act") and Order in Council 1510, dated December 13, 2005, requested approval for 2009 Rates, 2009 Cost of Service, and the Revenue Deficiency Deferral Account ("RDDA") balance as at December 31, 2007; and
- C. The TGVI 2008 Settlement Update Meeting was held on November 7, 2008. The TGVI 2008 Settlement Update Meeting was held jointly with the Terasen Gas Inc. 2008 Annual Review; and
- D. On December 11, 2008, the Commission issued Order G-192-09 approving the 2009 revenue requirements, cost of service and revenue deficiency deferral account balance, as amended; and
- E. By letter dated December 19, 2008, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre, on behalf of its client The BC Old Age Pensioners Organization *et al.* ("BCOAPO") applied for a cost award with respect to its participation in the 2008 Settlement Update Meeting; and

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- F. By letter dated February 11, 2009, TGVI advised the Commission that it is of the view that the BCOAPO cost award application is not unreasonable; and
- G. The Commission has reviewed the application for cost award with regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order G-72-07.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 118(1) of the Act, the Commission awards \$4,191.13 to BCOAPO for its participation in the TGVI 2008 Settlement Update Meeting.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20th day of February 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner