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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-3-10**

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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 Terasen Gas Inc.
2010 and 2011 Revenue Requirements and Delivery Rates Application

BEFORE: A.W.K. Anderson, Panel Chair/Commissioner
D.A. Cote, Commissioner
M.R. Harle, Commissioner
January 18, 2010

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 15, 2009 Terasen Gas Inc. ("Terasen Gas") filed an application for approval of interim and permanent delivery rates effective January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011 (the "Application") pursuant to sections 59 to 61 and 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the "Act"), representing an increase of 5.3 percent for 2010 and 4.1 percent for 2011; and
- B. Terasen Gas sought other approvals in the Application, including Orders pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the Act, approving Tariff changes effective January 1, 2010 for Compression and Refueling and Transportation Services for Natural Gas Vehicles and economic models for evaluating biogas projects and alternative energy extensions for geo-exchange, solar thermal and district energy systems to complement its core natural gas business; and
- C. By Order G-119-09, the Commission Panel established a regulatory timetable for a Negotiated Settlement Process which commenced on October 21, 2009 and concluded on November 3, 2009; and
- D. On November 26, 2009, the Commission Panel, having reviewed the proposed Negotiated Settlement Agreement, issued Order G-141-09 approving the Settlement Agreement pursuant to sections 59 to 61 and 89 of the Act; and
- E. By letter dated November 24, 2009, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre, on behalf of its client, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners Organization ("BCOAPO") applied for a Participant Assistance Cost Award ("PACA") with respect to its participation in the proceeding; and
- F. By letter dated December 7, 2009 the Commercial Class Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia ("CEC") applied for a PACA with respect to its participation in the proceeding; and
- G. By letters dated December 9 and 15, 2009, Terasen Gas provided the Commission with its comments on the BCOAPO and CEC PACA applications, respectively; and

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H. The Commission has reviewed the applications for cost awards with regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order G-72-07.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act* the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission awards costs in the amount of \$22,543.15 to BCOAPO for its participation in the Terasen Gas F2010 - F2011 Revenue Requirements negotiated settlement proceeding.
2. The Commission awards costs in the amount of \$40,697.10 to CEC for its participation in the Terasen Gas F2010-F2011 Revenue Requirements negotiated settlement proceeding.
3. Terasen Gas is directed to reimburse the above noted participants for the total amounts awarded in a timely manner

DATED at the City of Vancouver, In the Province of British Columbia, this 19th day of January 2010.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.W.K. Anderson
Panel Chair/Commissioner