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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER F-2-12**

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

and

Application for Participant Assistance/Cost Award  
in an Application by River District Energy Limited Partnership  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
to Construct and Operate a District Energy System for the  
River District Development in Southeast Vancouver  
and

Approval of the Proposed Revenue Requirement,  
Rate Design, Levelized Rates and Revenue Deficiency Deferral Account  
for the First Five Years of Operation

**BEFORE:** L.A. O'Hara, Panel Chair/Commissioner  
A.W.K Anderson, Commissioner January 23, 2012  
M.R. Harle, Commissioner

## **ORDER**

### **WHEREAS:**

- A. On July 27, 2011, River District Energy Limited Partnership (RDE) submitted an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for the construction and operation of a district energy utility (DEU) and for approval of the proposed revenue requirement, rate design, levelized rates and accounting treatment including a rate stabilization account (the Application);
- B. On August 5, 2011, the Commission issued Order G-141-11 which established a written hearing process to review the Application;
- C. On December 19, 2011, the Commission by Order C-14-11 granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to the River District Energy Limited Partnership for the for the construction and operation of a district energy utility;
- D. On January 12, 2012, the Commission by Order G-2-12 granted approval for rates for the first five years of operation;

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- E. On November 29, 2011, the British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) submitted a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) application for its participation in the proceeding;
- F. By letter dated December 22, 2011, RDE advised the Commission of its view that BCSEA PACA Application was not unreasonable;
- G. The Commission has reviewed the PACA application with regard to the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines in Order G-72-07 and has concluded that the applied for cost award should be approved for participant in the proceeding.

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

- 1. Pursuant to section 118 (1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission award funds to the following for its participation in the River District CPCN proceeding:

|       | <u>Application</u> | <u>Award</u> | <u>Award Ratio</u> |
|-------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| BCSEA | \$9,004.70         | \$7,654.00   | 0.85               |

- 2. River District Energy is directed to reimburse BCSEA for the amounts that have been awarded in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2012.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

L.A. O'Hara  
Commissioner