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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-5-12**

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

and

**An Application for Participant Assistance/Cost Award
regarding
An Application by Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
to Register a Transfer of the Issued and Outstanding Common Shares
to AltaGas Utility Holdings (Pacific) Inc.**

BEFORE: A.W.K. Anderson, Commissioner
D.M. Morton, Commissioner February 8, 2012
R.D. Revel, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 31, 2011, AltaGas Utility Holdings (Pacific) Inc. (AltaGas) applied pursuant to section 54 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act) for an Order approving the acquisition of the issued and outstanding common shares of Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) (AltaGas Application);
- B. By Order G-183-11, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) established an Integrated Review Process and a Timetable to review the Application and the AltaGas Application;
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and considers that approval is warranted subject to conditions contained in Order G-192-11;
- D. The Commission has issued Order G-193-11 pursuant to section 54(5) of the Act, approving the registration of a transfer of the issued and outstanding common shares of Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. to AltaGas Utility Holdings (Pacific) Inc. subject to the conditions contained in Order G-192-11;
- E. In a letter dated December 22, 2011, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO) applied for PACA funding in the amount of \$4,970.00;
- F. Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. advised the Commission that it had reviewed the above application for cost award and that it had no comments with respect to the above claim;

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- G. The Commission has reviewed the application for cost award with respect to the criteria and rates as set out in the Guidelines in Commission Order G-72-07 and has determined that the requested funding should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission approves a Participant Assistance Cost Award in the amount of \$4,970.00 to the BCOAPO with respect to its participation in the above stated proceeding.
2. PNG is directed to reimburse the above noted participant for the amount that has been awarded in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this Eighth day of February 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner