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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-3-15**

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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
in the FortisBC Alternative Energy Services
Application for Approval of the Rate Design and Rates
Established in Agreements for Thermal Energy Services
for the Telus Garden Development

BEFORE: D. M. Morton, Panel Chair/ Commissioner
K. Keilty, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

February 5, 2015

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 4, 2013, by Order C-1-13, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) granted approval for FortisBC Alternative Energy Services Inc. (FAES) to purchase and operate the TELUS Garden Thermal Energy System;
- B. By Order G-172-14, the Commission established the regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which included one round of information requests and responses;
- C. On December 12, 2014, the Commission received an application for Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) from BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of BC for their participation in the Proceeding;
- D. By letter dated January 2, 2015, FAES provided its comments on the PACA application and stated that it had no comments on the amounts submitted by the intervenor so long as the Commission had no concerns with the times identified or the amounts applied for; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed the PACA application in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines to Commission Order G-72-07, and concludes that cost award should be approved.

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NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission awards funds of \$1,008.00 to the BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of BC for their participation in the proceeding. FortisBC Alternative Energy Services is directed to reimburse the participant for the amount awarded in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 5th day of February 2015.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner