



ORDER NUMBER
F-3-16

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

Applications for Participant Assistance / Cost Awards
in the Application by FortisBC Inc. for Approval of 2016 Delivery Rates
pursuant to the Multi-Year Performance Based Ratemaking Plan
approved for 2014 through 2019 by Order G-139-14

BEFORE:

D. M. Morton, Commissioner / Panel Chair
D. A. Cote, Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner

on February 10, 2016

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 15, 2014, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued its Decision and Order G-139-14 for FortisBC Inc. (FBC) approving a Multi-Year Performance Based Ratemaking (PBR) Plan for 2014 through 2019. In accordance with the PBR Decision, FBC is to conduct an annual review process to set delivery rates for each year;
- B. On August 20, 2015, FBC submitted an application for the Annual Review of 2016 Rates (Application);
- C. Pursuant to Order G-139-15 issued on August 20, 2015, the Commission established the Regulatory Timetable for review of the Application which provided for one round of information requests, a workshop to review FBC's 2015 performance results and the 2016 revenue requirements, a response by FBC to undertakings arising from information requested at the workshop, and written final and reply submissions;
- D. By Order G-202-15 dated December 15, 2015, which accompanied the decision on this Application;
- E. Between November 24, 2015 and January 7, 2016, the Commission received Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications from the following interveners:
 - British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, *et al*;
 - Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia;
 - Industrial Customers Group;
 - BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia; and
 - Mr. Gabana;

- F. By letters dated January 7 and February 4, 2016, FBC provided its comments on the PACA applications, stating that provided the Commission has no concerns with the time identified or the amounts applied for by the interveners, FBC has no comment; and
- G. The Commission has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to Commission Order G-72-07, and concludes that the cost awards should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Funding is awarded to the following interveners for their participation in the FortisBC Inc. Annual Review of 2016 Rates proceeding:

Intervener	Application	Award
British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, <i>et al</i>	\$9,960.00	\$9,960.00
Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$9,683.10	\$9,683.10
BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia	\$5,010.75	\$5,010.75
Industrial Customers Group	\$7,544.25	\$7,544.25
Mr. Gabana	\$847.90	\$846.90*

*adjusted for mathematical error

2. FortisBC Inc. is directed to reimburse the above participants for the respective amounts that have been awarded in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 10th day of February, 2016.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton
Commissioner