



**ORDER NUMBER  
F-22-18**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
Waneta 2017 Transaction  
Application for Participant Assistance/Cost Awards

**BEFORE:**

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair/Commissioner  
A. K. Fung, Commissioner  
R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on September 12, 2018

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On October 30, 2017, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) made an application requesting the following orders from the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC):
1. Pursuant to section 44.2(3) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), acceptance of the expenditure schedule in regard to the Waneta 2017 Transaction as shown in the filing;
  2. Pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the UCA, approval of the Teck Wheeling Agreement and Waneta Interconnection Agreement; and
  3. Pursuant to section 49(a) of the UCA, approval of three adjustments to the Non-Heritage Deferral Account (NHDA) as described in the filing (Application);
- B. By Orders G-169-17, G199-17, G-15-18, G-42-18 and G-70-18, the BCUC established and subsequently amended a regulatory timetable with a written hearing process for the review of the Application, which included two rounds of information requests (IRs) to BC Hydro, intervener evidence and IRs on that evidence, Panel IRs, followed by oral and final arguments from all parties and a reply argument from BC Hydro;
- C. BC Hydro and interveners provided oral arguments on April 19, 2018, followed by BC Hydro and intervener final arguments on May 3, 2018 and May 17, respectively. BC Hydro submitted its reply argument on May 24, 2018;
- D. On July 18, 2018, by Order G-130-18 with decision issued concurrently, the BCUC approved the Waneta 2017 Transaction.

- E. The following participants filed Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

| Participant                                                              | Application Amount |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC (BCSEA-SCBC)        | \$73,944.79        |
| Movement of United Professionals (MoveUP)                                | 5,644.80           |
| Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC (CEC)                      | 84,208.72          |
| Clean Energy Association of BC (CEABC)                                   | 113,708.00         |
| British Columbia Old Age Pensioner's Organization <i>et al.</i> (BCOAPO) | 58,376.20          |

- F. By letter dated August 17, 2018, BC Hydro provided its comments on the PACA applications; and
- G. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to BCUC Order G-97-17, and BC Hydro's comments on the PACA applications, and makes the following determinations on cost awards.

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

1. Funding is awarded to the following participants in the listed amounts for their participation in the Application:

| Participant                                                       | Application Amount |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC (BCSEA-SCBC) | \$73,944.79        |
| Movement of United Professionals (MoveUP)                         | 5,644.80           |
| Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC (CEC)               | 84,208.72          |
| Clean Energy Association of BC (CEABC)                            | 113,708.00         |
| British Columbia Old Age Pensioner's Organization <i>et al.</i>   | 58,376.20          |

2. BC Hydro is directed to reimburse the above noted participants for their respective awarded amounts in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D. M. Morton  
Commissioner