



ORDER NUMBER
F-5-19

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc. and City of Surrey Applications for
Approval of Terms for an Operating Agreement
Applications for Participant Assistance/Cost Award

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair/Commissioner
W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on March 15, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 17, 2017, the City of Surrey applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for an order pursuant to subsection 32(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) specifying the terms under which FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) may install, operate and maintain its distribution equipment in public places within Surrey's boundary limits (City of Surrey Application);
- B. On May 18, 2017, FEI applied to the BCUC pursuant to section 32 of the UCA, or alternatively section 33 of the UCA, for approval of new operating terms with the City of Surrey (FEI Application);
- C. By Orders G-98-17, G-163-17, G-201-17, G-66-18 and G-92-18, the BCUC issued regulatory timetables for the review of the applications;
- D. The review process included intervenor registration, information requests (IRs) to FEI and the City of Surrey and IR responses, evidence filed by intervenors, Panel IRs to FEI and the City of Surrey, Panel IR responses, and final and reply arguments;
- E. By Order G-191-18 dated October 5, 2018, the BCUC reopened the evidentiary record and issued a regulatory timetable which included Panel IRs to FEI and the City of Surrey, on use and occupancy of public place by a public utility, and Panel IR responses. By Order G-202-18, the BCUC continued the regulatory timetable which included final arguments and reply arguments from FEI and the City of Surrey;
- F. On January 29, 2019, by Decision and Order G-18-19 the BCUC made its final determinations on the applications;

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

Date	Participant	Application
February 13, 2019	Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$35,405.79
June 24, 2018	BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al.	\$22,415.00

- H. By letters dated March 4 and March 13, 2019, FEI provided its comments on the PACA applications, stating if the BCUC is satisfied that the participants have met the eligibility requirements, that the funding days claimed are appropriate, and that the level of participation has met with the BCUC's criteria and requirements then FEI has no further comment; and
- I. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines attached to Order G-72-07, and concludes that the cost awards are warranted.

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

1. Funding is awarded to the following interveners in the listed amounts for their participation in the FEI and City of Surrey Applications for Approval of Terms for an Operating Agreement proceeding:

Participant	Award
Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$35,405.79
BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al.	\$22,415.00

2. FEI is directed to reimburse the above-noted participants for the awarded amounts in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of March 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner