



ORDER NUMBER

F-6-19

IN THE MATTER OF

the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

2019-2020 Revenue Requirements and Rates Application for the Fort Nelson Service Area
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

A. K. Fung, QC, Panel Chair/Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on March 25, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 4, 2018, pursuant to sections 45, 46, 59 to 61 and 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) submitted to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) its 2019–2020 Revenue Requirements and Rates Application for the Fort Nelson service area (FEFN 2019-2020 RRA), seeking, among other things, BCUC approval of delivery rates for the 2019 and 2020 test period;
- B. By Orders G-171-18 dated September 13, 2018 and G-235-18 dated December 10, 2018, the BCUC established the regulatory timetable, which included one round of BCUC and intervener information requests (IRs), one round of Panel IRs, and written final and reply arguments;
- C. On February 26, 2019 the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC) filed its Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) application with the BCUC in the amount of \$12,019.32 with respect to its participation in the FEFN 2019-2020 RRA proceeding;
- D. By Order G-48-19 and accompanying Reasons for Decision dated March 5, 2019, the BCUC approved, among other things, permanent delivery rates for 2019 and 2020 for the Fort Nelson service area;
- E. By letter dated March 18, 2019, FEI provided its comments on the PACA application, stating that so long as the BCUC is satisfied that the participant has met the eligibility requirements, the funding time claimed and the level of participation, then FEI has no further comment; and
- F. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA application in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines attached to Order G-97-17, and concludes that the cost award should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 118(1) of the UCA, the BCUC orders as follows:

1. Funding is awarded to the CEC in the amount of \$12,019.32 for its participation in the FEFN 2019-2020 RRA proceeding.
2. FEI is directed to reimburse the CEC for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25th day of March 2019.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

A. K. Fung, QC
Commissioner