



ORDER NUMBER

F-8-19

IN THE MATTER OF

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application to Exclude Employee Information from 2015 Data Order G-161-15
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

D. Enns, Panel Chair
R.I. Mason, Commissioner

on April 2, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 23, 2018, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) submitted an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking the following:
- an order pursuant to section 99 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) that Order G-161-15 be varied so as to exclude “Employee Information” as defined in that order; or alternatively,
 - an order pursuant to section 88(2), exempting from Order G-161-15 all “Employee Information” or, at minimum, particular employee data (Pension Data) held by FEI’s pension actuaries, Willis Towers Watson (WTW) (Application).
- B. By Orders G-125-18, G-174-18, G-183-18 and G-201-18, the BCUC issued a regulatory timetable for review of the Application;
- C. The review process included intervenor registration, evidence filed by interveners, Panel information requests to FEI, responses to Panel information requests, final and reply arguments;
- D. On January 30, 2019, by Order G-20-19 with reasons issued concurrently, the BCUC approved FEI’s request for reconsideration and variance of Order G-161-15, rescinding recitals D(b) through D(d) of Order G-161-15 to the extent to which they reference “Employee Data” as that term is defined in Order G-161-15;

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

Date	Participant	Application
January 10, 2019	Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$5,076.96
March 11, 2019	MoveUP	\$10,976.00

- F. By letter dated March 26, 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; and
- G. The BCUC 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 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 FortisBC Energy Inc. Application to Exclude Employee Information from 2015 Data Order G-161-15 proceeding:

Participant	Award
Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$5,076.96
MoveUP	\$10,976.00

2. FortisBC Energy Inc. is directed to reimburse the above-noted participants for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2nd day of April 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. Enns
Commissioner