



**ORDER NUMBER
F-5-21**

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

and

Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc.
Application for Corporate Cost Allocation Methodology
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
C. Brewer, Commissioner
M. Kresivo, QC, Commissioner

on January 18, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 5, 2020, pursuant to sections 59 to 60 of *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. (Corix) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) seeking approval of a methodology for allocating corporate costs to its utility operations, the creation of a deferral account to capture the costs associated with the regulatory review of this application, and the subsequent allocation of the deferred costs to individual deferral accounts created for each of the utilities by using the Composite Allocator described in the Application (Application);
- B. By Order G-171-20 dated June 25, 2020 the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which was amended by Orders G-229-20, G-229-20A and G-276-20. The regulatory process included intervenor registration, two rounds of BCUC and intervenor information requests (IR), written final and reply arguments, panel IR and supplemental written final and reply arguments.
- C. British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, Disability Alliance BC, and Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre (BCOAPO et al.) participated as the sole intervenor in the proceeding;
- D. In its Decision and accompanying Order G-349-20 dated December 24, 2020, the BCUC issued its final determinations on the Application;
- E. BCOAPO et. al filed a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) application with the BCUC, with respect to its participation in the proceeding;

Date	Participant	Application
December 21, 2020	BCOAPO et al.	\$10,236.80

- F. By emailed correspondence dated January 5, 2021, Corix confirmed it had reviewed the PACA application and had no further comment;
- G. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA application in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines attached to BCUC Order G-97-17 and determines that approval of the cost award is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. \$10,236.80 is awarded to BCOAPO et al. for its participation in the Corix Corporate Cost Allocation Methodology proceeding.
2. Corix is directed to reimburse BCOAPO et al. for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of January 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner