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## ORDER NUMBER F-25-21

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Pattullo Gas Line Replacement Project

Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

## **BEFORE:**

D. M. Morton, Panel Chair T. A. Loski, Commissioner R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on August 24, 2021

## **ORDER**

## **WHEREAS:**

- A. On August 31, 2020, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, seeking approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Pattullo Gas Line Replacement (PGR) Project (Application);
- B. By Orders G-232-20, G-253-20, G-350-20 and by letter dated April 12, 2021, the BCUC established and amended the regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which consisted of intervener registration, two rounds of information requests (IRs), final and reply argument, a Panel IR, and supplemental and reply argument;
- C. Four interveners registered in the proceeding: City of Burnaby (Burnaby), Michael-John Bailie (Bailie), British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO), and Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC). Burnaby, BCOAPO and the CEC actively participated in this proceeding. The remaining intervener did not. One interested party registered: Badger Daylighting Inc. No letters of comment were received;
- D. On June 30, 2021, by Decision and Order C-2-21, the BCUC issued its final determinations on the Application;

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
May 26, 2021	Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC)	\$25,686.68
June 24, 2021	British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO)	\$22,877.42
July 8, 2021	City of Burnaby (Burnaby)	\$11,200.00

- F. By letter dated July 21, 2021, FEI provided its comments on the PACA applications, stating that if the BCUC is satisfied that the CEC, BCOAPO and Burnaby have met the eligibility requirements, that the funding days claimed are appropriate, and the level of participation has met the BCUC's criteria and requirements, then FEI has no further comment; and
- G. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to Order G-97-17, and considers that the cost awards to the CEC, BCOAPO and Burnaby in the full amounts they respectively claim for their respective participation in this proceeding, are warranted.

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

Funding is awarded to the following interveners in the listed amounts for their participation in the FEI
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Pattullo Gas Line Replacement
Project proceeding:

Participant	Award
Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$25,686.68
British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al.	\$22,877.42
City of Burnaby	\$11,200.00

2. FEI 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

**BY ORDER** 

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton Commissioner