



**ORDER NUMBER
F-30-22**

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

and

Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Core Steam System Decarbonization Project
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

A. K. Fung, KC, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner
A. C. Dennier, Commissioner
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on November 3, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 30, 2021, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (Creative Energy) submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Core Steam System Decarbonization Project (Project) pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) (Application);
- B. Creative Energy also requests approval, pursuant to section 44.2 of the UCA, of the following anticipated expenditures:
 - 1. \$15.775 million for an electric transmission line constructed, owned and operated by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) from the Murrin substation to the existing Core Steam Plant; and
 - 2. \$1.25 million for a BC Hydro Facilities Study of the transmission line to connect the electric steam plant and substation to the BC Hydro network;
- C. By Orders G-258-21, G-293-21 and G-358-21, the BCUC established and amended the regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which included two rounds of information requests (IRs) to Creative Energy from the BCUC and interveners, and submissions on further process;
- D. By Orders G-49-22 and G-85-22, the BCUC further established and amended the regulatory timetable to include one round of Panel IRs, Creative Energy and intervenor written final arguments, and Creative Energy's written reply argument;

- E. By Order G-128-22, the BCUC established a further regulatory timetable to review a refined net present value (NPV) model of the Project filed by Creative Energy in its written final argument. The timetable included an additional round of IRs regarding the refined NPV model, as well as written submissions from interveners and Creative Energy on same;
- F. By Order C-5-22 dated September 15, 2022, the BCUC granted a CPCN for the Project;
- G. The following participants filed Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date (2022)	Participant	Application
June 24	BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA)	\$20,222.65
July 19	Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA)	\$22,307.25
August 30	Wall Financial Corporation (WFC)	\$25,088.00
September 29	Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (the CEC)	\$50,973.30
October 13	BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO)	\$36,312.51

- H. By email dated October 24, 2022, Creative Energy stated it does not intend to provide any comments on the PACA applications; and
- I. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to BCUC Order G-97-17, and concludes that the cost awards should be approved.

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 proceeding:

Participant	Award
BCSEA	\$20,222.65
RCIA	\$22,307.25
WFC	\$25,088.00
The CEC	\$50,973.30
BCOAPO	\$36,312.51

2. Creative Energy 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 3rd day of November 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A. K. Fung, KC
Commissioner