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ORDER NUMBER F-28-23

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

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission Inquiry into the Acquisition of Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) by Public Utilities in British Columbia – Phase 2
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

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

on August 4, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By letter dated December 22, 2021, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established an Inquiry into the Acquisition of Renewable Natural Gas by Public Utilities in British Columbia (Inquiry);
- B. On July 28, 2022, the BCUC issued Order G-212-22 finalizing the Phase 1 Report and initiating Phase 2 of the Inquiry. Participants were invited to file Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications for Phase 1 at that time, or to file any PACA applications upon completion of Phase 2 for the total amounts sought in both phases of the Inquiry;
- C. By Orders G-213-22, G-258-22, G-276-22, G-353-22, and G-387-22 the BCUC established regulatory timetables for Phase 2, which included, among other things, intervener registration, intervener submissions and reply submissions, intervener evidence, and BCUC and intervener information requests;
- D. On June 13, 2023, the BCUC issued the final Phase 2 Report;
- E. The following interveners filed PACA applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the Inquiry:

Date	Participant	Application
June 15, 2023	BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA)	\$31,720.50
June 15, 2023	Movement of United Professionals (MoveUP)	\$5,673.92
June 21, 2023	Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC (CEC)	\$25,554.24
June 21, 2023	Residential Consumers Intervener Association (RCIA)	\$69,816.47

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F. 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 determines that PACA funding is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 118(2) of the UCA, the BCUC orders that funding be awarded to the following interveners in the listed amounts for their participation in the Inquiry:

Participant	Award
BCSEA	\$31,720.50
MoveUP	\$5,673.92
CEC	\$25,554.24
RCIA	\$69,816.47

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of August 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. M. Morton Commissioner

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