



ORDER NUMBER
F-12-24

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

and

Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.
2023 Revenue Requirements Application for the Core Thermal Energy System
Participant Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
A. C. Dennier, Commissioner
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner

on February 12, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 1, 2022, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (Creative Energy) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) its 2023 Revenue Requirements Application (RRA) for the thermal energy system serving downtown Vancouver (Core Steam) and Northeast False Creek (NEFC) (together, Core TES) and requested, among other things, the following (2023 RRA):
- (i) interim and permanent approval of thermal energy service rates for the Core TES which are equivalent to an average rate of \$11.20 per thousand pounds (M#) of steam and the system contribution charge for customers connected to the NEFC system, each as set out in Appendix B to the 2023 RRA, effective January 1, 2023; and
 - (ii) approval of a proposed Inter-Affiliate Conduct and Transfer Pricing Policy (IAC/TPP) filed as Appendix C to the 2023 RRA;
- B. By Orders G-379-22, G-27-23, G-110-23, G-186-23, G-221-23 and G-286-23 the BCUC established a regulatory timetable to review the 2023 RRA, which included intervenor registration, submissions from Creative Energy and intervenors on IAC/TPP-related matters, two rounds of BCUC and intervenor information requests, submissions on further process and written final and reply arguments;
- C. British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, Disability Alliance BC, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, and Tenant Resource and Advisory Center (BCOAPO), the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (the CEC), and the Residential Consumer Intervenor Association (RCIA) participated as intervenors in the proceeding;

- D. By Order G-358-23 and the accompanying decision dated December 21, 2023 (2023 RRA Decision), the BCUC issued its final decision on the 2023 RRA, approving, among other things:
- (i) Creative Energy to charge customers connected to the Core TES an average thermal energy service rate of \$11.29 per thousand pounds of steam, effective January 1, 2023, subject to final adjustments as outlined in the 2023 RRA Decision;
 - (ii) Creative Energy to maintain a system contribution charge of \$10.60 per megawatt hour of thermal energy for customers connected to the NEFC system; and
 - (iii) a revised proposed IAC/TPP for Creative Energy as filed in the proceeding;
- E. The following participants filed Participant Cost Award (PCA) applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date	Participant	Application
December 7, 2023	The CEC	\$30,049.95
January 2, 2024	BCOAPO	\$36,360.70
January 3, 2024	RCIA	\$17,643.06

- F. By email dated January 25, 2024, Creative Energy stated it has no comments in respect of the PCA requests; and
- G. The BCUC has reviewed the PCA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure for Participant Cost Awards, attached to Order G-72-23, 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 below for their participation in the proceeding:

Participant	Award
The CEC	\$30,049.95
BCOAPO	\$36,360.70
RCIA	\$17,643.06

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 12th day of February 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner