



**ORDER NUMBER
F-20-16**

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

and

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
2016-2017 Revenue Requirements Application
for the PNG-West Service Area
Application for Participant Assistance/Cost Awards

BEFORE:

K. A. Keilty, Panel Chair/Commissioner
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

on August 19, 2016

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 30, 2015, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) filed its 2016-2017 Revenue Requirements Application (RRA) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* seeking, among other things, approval to increase 2016 delivery rates (Application);
- B. By Order G-207-15 dated December 18, 2015, the Commission approved the delivery rates and the Rate Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism rider set forth in the Application on an interim and refundable basis, effective January 1, 2016. The Commission also established a preliminary regulatory timetable, including a procedural conference on January 29, 2016;
- C. By Order G-13-16 dated February 4, 2016, the Commission established a written public hearing process and amended the Regulatory Timetable to direct PNG to file its updated application on February 29, 2016, followed by two rounds of Commission and intervener information requests and written final and reply arguments;
- D. On July 6, 2016, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* filed a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) application with the Commission in the amount of \$9,869.80 regarding its participation in the PNG 2016-2017 RRA proceeding;
- E. On July 8, 2016, PNG submitted its comments on the PACA application stating that it finds the expenses to be reasonable;
- F. By Order G-131-16 and accompanying Reasons for Decision dated August 10, 2016, the Commission approved, among other things, 2016 and 2017 permanent delivery rate increases for the PNG-West service area; and

- G. The Commission has reviewed the PACA application in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to Commission Order G-72-07, and concludes that the cost award should be approved.

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

1. Funding is awarded to the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* in the amount of \$9,869.80 for its participation in the Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. 2016-2017 Revenue Requirements Application proceeding.
2. Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. is directed to reimburse the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19th day of August 2016.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

K. A. Keilty
Commissioner