



LETTER NO. L-31-94

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VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. David M. Masuhara  
Vice President,  
Legal and Regulatory Affairs  
BC Gas Utility Ltd.  
1111 West Georgia Street  
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Dear Mr. Masuhara:

**Re: BC Gas Utility Ltd.  
1994/95 Revenue Requirement Hearing Costs  
Phases 1, 2 & 3 Participant Funding Cost Awards - F-7-94**

Enclosed please find Commission Order No. F-7-94 which approves the reimbursement of participants to the BC Gas public hearings. Pursuant to Section 133.1 of the Utilities Commission Act, BC Gas is directed to reimburse the BC Energy Coalition in the amount of \$45,773.78 for its participation in the above-noted proceedings.

The Commission has also approved the recovery of BC Gas hearing costs in the amount of \$612,014 amortized over a three year period and included in rates effective November 1, 1994.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Pellatt".

Robert J. Pellatt

RJP/dlf  
Enclosure



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ORDER  
NUMBER F-7-94

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AN ORDER IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission  
Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended

and

Applications for Cost Awards by Participants in the BC Gas Utility Ltd.  
Phases 1, 2 and 3 1994/95 Revenue Requirements Public Hearings  
and  
Participant Funding Awards - Order No. G-117-93

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and )  
F.C. Leighton, Commissioner ) September 26, 1994

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 2, 1994 Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the 1994/95 Revenue Requirements public hearing commenced. The participants to the hearings were advised in advance to submit a budget of costs and expenses to the Commission followed by applications for expenses related to their participation in accordance with the criteria set out in Order No. G-117-93; and
- B. The Panels of each phase of the hearing discussed the claims, having regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order No. G-117-93, and provided the awards to be added to the Participant Funding sheets; and
- C. The maximum award to legal counsel was based on \$800 per participation day plus expenses which the Panel felt was a reasonable contribution to legal costs. The maximum award to consultants was based on the fee and expense schedules submitted; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the Participant Funding applications and requires BC Gas to pay for such awards as shown below. A breakdown of the cost awards can be found in the Participant Funding Sheet attached as Appendix A to this Order.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

Pursuant to Section 133.1 of the Utilities Commission Act, BC Gas is ordered to reimburse participants to Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the public hearings in the total amount as follows:

BC Energy Coalition	\$45,773.78
Ecology Circle	Nil

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 30th day of September, 1994.

BY ORDER

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard  
Chairperson

Attachment

PARTICIPANT FUNDING

BC GAS 1994/95 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS APPLICATION						
	INDIVIDUAL		COUNSEL		CONSULTANTS	
	Claim	Award	Claim	Award	Claim	Award
BC Energy Coalition						
	D. Foley		C. Reardon		Bell & Lazar	
Rate	\$175/day		\$800/day		\$80/hr (US)	
Time (prep/hearing)	8 days		11 days		195.5 hrs	
Fees (incl GST)	\$1,360.00		\$8,800.00		\$20,332.00	
Expenses	\$0.00		\$5,310.85		\$3,021.28	
Sub-Total	\$1,360.00	\$1,360.00	\$14,110.85	\$14,110.85	\$23,353.28	\$22,912.93
					C. Elliot	
Rate					\$70/hr	
Time (prep/hearing)					30 hrs	
Fees (incl GST)					\$2,100.00	
Expenses					\$0.00	
Sub-Total					\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
					D. Foley	
Rate					\$60/hr	
Time (prep/hearing)					84 hrs	
Fees (incl GST)					\$5,040.00	
Expenses					\$0.00	
Sub-Total					\$5,040.00	\$5,040.00
					J. Duffy	
Rate					\$50/hr	
Time (prep/hearing)					5 hrs	
Fees (incl GST)					\$250.00	
Expenses					\$0.00	
Sub-Total					\$250.00	\$250.00
TOTAL \$	\$1,360.00	\$1,360.00	\$14,110.85	\$14,110.85	\$30,743.28	\$30,302.93

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BC GAS 1994/95 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS APPLICATION						
	INDIVIDUAL		COUNSEL		CONSULTANTS	
	Claim	Award	Claim	Award	Claim	Award
Ecology Circle						
	Mr. Ledderhof					
Rate	\$175/day					
Time (prep/hearing)	30 days					
Fees (incl GST)	\$5,250.00					
Expenses	\$4,781.12					
TOTAL \$	\$10,031.12	\$0.00				