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

and

An Application by Participants in the BC Gas Utility Ltd. 1996/98 Revenue Requirements Application and Participant Cost Awards - Order No. G-117-93

**BEFORE:** 

M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson;

L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson; and )

F.C. Leighton, Commissioner

December 8, 1995

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. On November 27, 1995 the Commission, by Decision and Order No. G-99-95, approved BC Gas Utility Ltd.'s ("BC Gas") 1996-1998 Revenue Requirements. The Application was handled by way of Negotiated Settlement Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") process and was outlined in a document entitled Terms of a Settlement dated October 27, 1995; and
- B. The British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("BCPIAC") and the B.C. Energy Coalition ("BCEC"), on December 4, 1995 and November 29, 1995 respectively, submitted costs associated with their participation in the Application and requested reimbursement pursuant to the Participant Funding and Cost Awards guidelines set out in Order No. G-117-93; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the expenses associated with the Applications and finds that reimbursement is required; and
- D. The Commission has allowed 17 days for BCPIAC counsel including 3 days for preparation time. While the Commission finds the service of the consultant for BCPIAC useful, it expects intervenors to utilize local expertise to the extent possible; and
- E. The Commission has approved the full cost request of BCEC for reimbursement.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission, pursuant to Section 133.1(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, orders BC Gas to reimburse participants in the 1996-98 Revenue Requirements Application and ADR Settlement in the total amount of \$39,759.18 as follows:

**BCPIAC** 

\$30,686.37

**BCEC** 

\$ 9,072.81

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of December 1995.

BY ORDER

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard

Chairperson