

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

and

An Application for Participant Assistance Cost Award by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainable Energy Policy for the BC Gas Utility Ltd. 1996 Rate Design and Service Line Cost Allowance Applications

**BEFORE:** 

SIXTH FLOOR, 900 HOWE STREET, BOX 250 VANCOUVER, B.C. V6Z 2N3 CANADA

M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and

L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson

November 21, 1996

## ORDER

## WHEREAS:

- A. On October 29, 1996 the Association for the Advancement of Sustainable Energy Policy ("AASEP") filed with the Commission an application for a participant assistance cost award with respect to its participation in the BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") 1996 Rate Design and Service Line Cost Allowance Applications workshops, pre-hearing conference and public hearing; and
- B. The Panel discussed the claim having regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order No. G-103-96; and
- C. The Panel has determined that AASEP's participation in the proceedings requires reimbursement in accordance with Commission approved guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Section 133.1(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards costs in the amount of \$42,609 to AASEP for its participation in the aforementioned proceedings. The cost award is to be paid by BC Gas in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 5th day of December, 1996.

BY ORDER

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard Chairperson