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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
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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 British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre for the
BC Gas Utility Ltd. 1996 Rate Design and Service Line Cost Allowance Applications

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) November 21, 1996

O R D E R


WHEREAS:

- A. On October 23, 1996 the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("BCPIAC") filed with the Commission an application for a participant assistance cost award with respect to their participation in the BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") 1996 Rate Design and Service Line Cost Allowance Applications workshops, pre-hearing conferences and public hearings; 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 BCPIAC'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 approves a cost award of \$49,849 for BCPIAC to reflect its participation in the BC Gas proceedings. The aforementioned 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