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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER F-13-97

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

Application for Participant Assistance Cost Award by the
British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre for the BC Gas Utility Ltd.
1998-2002 Revenue Requirements Application and its
Gas Supply Mitigation Incentive Plan

BEFORE: L.R. Barr, Deputy Chair)
and Acting Chair) December 11, 1997
K.L. Hall, Commissioner)
P.G. Bradley, Commissioner)

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-85-97, approved for BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") its 1998-2000 Revenue Requirements by way of a Negotiated Settlement Agreement. Following the Negotiated Settlement a series of separate negotiating meetings were held to review BC Gas' gas cost incentive plan which was to expire on November 1, 1997; and
- B. The parties negotiated a settlement with respect to BC Gas' gas cost incentive plan for the 1997/98 gas contract year. Commission Order No. G-125-97 approved for BC Gas the 1997/98 Gas Supply Mitigation Incentive Program ("GSMIP"); and
- C. On December 1, 1997, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("BCPIAC") applied for a participant assistance cost award for its participation in the BC Gas GSMIP proceeding; and
- D. The Commission has determined that participation by BCPIAC in the GSMIP proceeding requires reimbursement in accordance with Commission approved guidelines; and
- E. The Commission has discussed the claim having regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order No. G-103-96.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to BCPIAC in the amount of \$2,329.63 for its participation in the BC Gas - Gas Supply Mitigation Incentive proceeding.
2. BC Gas is directed to reimburse BCPIAC for the total amount awarded in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 7th day of January, 1998.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Kenneth L. Hall
Commissioner