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BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER
NUMBER F-14-97

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

and

An Application for Participant Assistance Cost Award by an Intervenor
regarding the Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
Skeena Deferral Account Balance Proceeding

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

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 22, 1997 the Commission, by Letter No. L-14-97, approved for Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") its application to record, in a deferral account, the costs and revenue deficiency related to the protection given to Repap British Columbia Inc. [also know as Skeena Cellulose Inc. ("Skeena")] the disposition of which will be by way of a future Commission Order; and
- B. On September 4, 1997 the Commission, by Letter No. L-53-97, approved for PNG its July 18, 1997 application for recovery of the Skeena Deferral Account Balance through customer rates commencing in 1998; 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 Skeena Deferral Account proceeding; and
- D. The Commission has determined that BCPIAC's participation in this proceeding requires reimbursement in accordance with approved guidelines; and
- E. The Commission has discussed the claim having regard to the criteria and rates set out in Commission 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 \$553.13 for its participation in the PNG-Skeena Deferral Account proceeding.
2. PNG 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