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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER  
NUMBER F-12-01

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

and

An Application for a Participant Assistance Cost Award  
regarding the BC Gas Utility Ltd.  
2002 Revenue Requirements Application

**BEFORE:** P. Ostergaard, Chair )  
K.L. Hall, Commissioner ) December 13, 2001

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 5, 2001, The British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Center ("BCPIAC") applied for a cost award for its participation in the BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") 2002 Revenue Requirements Application, which was subsequently withdrawn by BC Gas on November 1, 2001; and
- B. The Commission has determined that BCPIAC's participation in the September 25, 2001 Workshop and Pre-Hearing Conference, and the preliminary work and preparation on the Application in advance of a scheduled Negotiated Settlement Process, constituted a proceeding that warrants reimbursement in accordance with the Commission's approved guidelines; and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the application with regard to the criteria and rates set out in Commission Order No. G-23-01.

**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 \$9,252.60 for participating in the above 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2001.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

Peter Ostergaard  
Chair