

BRITISH COLUMBIA
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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 Regarding Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.'s Application to Convert to an Income Trust

BEFORE: R.H. Hobbs, Chair

L.A. Boychuk, Commissioner

November 4, 2005

R.W. Whitehead, Commissioner

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 9, 2005 the Commission, by Order No. G-84-05, issued its Decision on the Application by Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. ("PNG") for approval to convert to an Income Trust; and
- B. On August 17, 2005, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("BCPIAC") submitted a bill of costs on behalf of the BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. ("BCOAPO") for its participation in the proceeding; and
- C. Commission staff have advised the Panel that BCPIAC/BCOAPO participated in the proceeding and contributed to the Commission's Decision; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the applications for cost awards with regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order No. G-15-04.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards \$174,584.51 to BCPIAC/BCOAPO for its participation in PNG's Income Trust Application and oral public hearing process.
- 2. PNG is directed to reimburse BCPIAC/BCOAPO for the total amount of \$174,584.51 in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of November 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Robert H. Hobbs Chair