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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** F-19-06

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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 Awards
Regarding the FortisBC Inc. Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for the Big White Supply Project**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
K.A. Anderson, Commissioner October 24, 2006
R.J. Milbourne, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 9, 2006, FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for approval to construct and operate the Big White Supply Project, which involved the construction of a 23 km 138 kV transmission line that is expected to cost \$20.32 million; and
- B. An Oral Public Hearing was held in Kelowna on July 4 and 5, 2006 with the Commission issuing CPCN No. C-17-06 to FortisBC on September 15, 2006; and
- C. On July 8, 2006, Mr. Alan Wait applied for a cost award for his participation in the proceeding; and
- D. On August 18, 2006, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre ("BCPIAC") submitted a bill of costs on behalf of the BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization ("BCOAPO") for its participation in the proceeding; and
- E. Commission staff have advised the Panel that the applicants participated in the proceeding and contributed to the public hearing process; and

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F. The Commission has reviewed the applications for cost awards with regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order No. G-15-04.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to the following applicants for their participation in FortisBC's application for a CPCN for the Big White Supply Project.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Cost Award (\$)</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Funding</u>
Mr. Alan Wait	\$336.76	\$227.76	\$227.76
BCOAPO/BCPIAC	11,893.40	8,932.59	8,932.59

2. FortisBC is directed to reimburse the above-noted participants for the total amounts awarded in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 27th day of October 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner