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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** F-21-06

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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
in an Application by FortisBC Inc.
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
for an Automated Mapping/Facilities Management/Geographical Information System
(AM/FM/GIS) Transition Project**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
L.A. Zaozirny, Commissioner November 23, 2006

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 16, 2006, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") issued Order No. C-20-06 granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Automated Mapping/Facilities Management/Geographical Information System ("AM/FM/GIS") Transition Project (the "Project"); and
- B. On November 16, 2006, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* ("BCOAPO") filed a Participant Assistance/Cost Award ("PACA") Application for a cost award of \$1,549.93 for its participation in the proceeding to review the application of FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") for the AM/FM/GIS Transition Project; and
- C. By letter dated November 21, 2006, FortisBC stated that it had no comments on the Application for PACA funding that was submitted by the BCOAPO; and
- D. The Commission has reviewed the BCOAPO's PACA Application with regard to the criteria and rates set out in the Guidelines in Commission Order No. G-15-04 and has concluded that the amount of cost award requested in the PACA Application should be approved.

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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 funds in the amount of \$1,549.93 to BCOAPO for its participation in the proceeding for the FortisBC application for the AM/FM/GIS Transition Project.
2. FortisBC is directed to reimburse BCOAPO for the total amount awarded in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of November 2006.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner