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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER** F-6-07

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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 the Application by FortisBC Inc.  
2006 Annual Review, 2007 Revenue Requirements and  
Negotiated Settlement Process**

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner  
L.A. Zaozirny, Commissioner March 7, 2007

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Commission Order No. G-58-06 approved for FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC" or "Company") a Performance Based Regulation Settlement for the years 2007 to 2009 (the "PBR Settlement"). The PBR Settlement requires FortisBC to hold an Annual Review, Workshop and Negotiated Settlement Process ("NSP") each November with a goal of achieving firm rates by December 1<sup>st</sup> for the following year; and
- B. By Order No. G-118-06, the Commission established a Regulatory Timetable for the 2006 Annual Review and a 2007 Revenue Requirements Workshop on November 9 followed by an NSP on November 10, 2006; and
- C. On September 29, 2006, FortisBC filed its Preliminary Revenue Requirements which sought a 2.9 percent (revised in the November 1, 2006 Update to a 2.1 percent) general rate increase effective January 1, 2007 and proposed to delay the removal of CWIP subject to AFUDC from rate base as required by the PBR Settlement until such time that the change becomes revenue neutral or appropriate in the context of the relevant revenue requirements application; and
- D. A proposed Settlement Agreement, which included a delay in the removal of CWIP subject to AFUDC from rate base for 2007 only to allow for further study, was agreed to by FortisBC and some Intervenor, with the participation of Commission staff; and
- E. By Order No. G-162-06 dated December 20, 2006, the Commission approved the Settlement Agreement, except for the proposed delay in the removal of CWIP subject to AFUDC from rate base; and
- F. By letter dated December 21, 2006, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre applied for a cost award on behalf of the BC Old Age Pensioners Organization *et al.* ("BCOAPO") for its participation in the proceeding; and

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- G. By letter dated January 18, 2007, the Interior Municipal Electrical Utilities (“IMEU”) applied for a cost award for its participation in the proceeding (collectively referred to as the “Applicants”); and
- H. Commission staff have advised the Panel that the Applicants participated in the proceeding and contributed to the settlement process; and
- I. 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** pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission Orders as follows:

- 1. The Commission awards funds in the amount of \$12,523.09 to BCOAPO for its participation in the FortisBC 2006 Annual Review, 2007 Revenue Requirements and Negotiated Settlement Process.
- 2. The Commission awards funds in the amount of \$1,049.40 to IMEU for its participation in the FortisBC 2006 Annual Review, 2007 Revenue Requirements and Negotiated Settlement Process.
- 3. FortisBC is directed to reimburse the Applicants for the total amounts awarded in a timely fashion.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by*

L.F. Kelsey  
Commissioner