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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** F-2-08

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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 Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.
2008 Rates, 2008 Cost of Service and
Revenue Deficiency Deferral Account Balance as at December 31, 2006**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner January 16, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. The Commission, by Order No. G-113-07 dated September 20, 2007, set out the Regulatory Timetable for the Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. ("TGVI") filing of its 2007 Settlement Update Material, information requests, responses, the 2007 Settlement Update Meeting, undertaking responses from TGVI, Participant Comments, and TGVI Reply Comments; and
- B. On October 5, 2007, TGVI filed its 2007 Settlement Update filing and an application in accordance with the two-year extension of the 2006-2007 Revenue Requirement Negotiated Settlement Agreement terms for 2008 and 2009 ("Settlement") as approved by Commission Order No. G-34-07 ("the Application"). The Application, filed pursuant to Sections 60 and 23 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") and Order in Council 1510, dated December 13, 2005, requested approval for 2008 Rates, 2008 Cost of Service, and the Revenue Deficiency Deferral Account balance as at December 31, 2006; and
- C. On November 2, 2007 TGVI filed its Revised Settlement Update Filing for six revisions to the October 5, 2007 Settlement Update Filing ("Amended Application"). The six revisions included the Vancouver Island Gas Joint Venture rate adjustment, capital schedule corrections, subordinated debt correction, federal tax surcharge correction, work in progress change correction, and B.C. Capital Tax assessment update; and
- D. The TGVI 2007 Settlement Update Meeting was held on November 13, 2007. The TGVI 2007 Settlement Update Meeting was held jointly with the Terasen Gas Inc. ("TGI") 2007 Annual Review; and
- E. On December 5, 2007, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre applied for the Participant Assistance/Cost Award on behalf of its client, the BC Old Age Pensioners Organization *et al.* ("BCOAPO") for its participation in the proceeding; and
- F. On December 11, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. G-154-07 and its Reasons for Decision on the TGVI Application; and

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- G. On December 11, 2007, TGVI advised that the costs applied for by BCOAPO are not unreasonable; and
- H. The Commission has reviewed the BCOAPO application for funding with regard to the criteria and rates set out in Commission Order No. G-72-07.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to BCOAPO for its participation in the TGVI 2007 Settlement Meeting and 2008 Revenue Requirements and Delivery Rates proceeding in the amount of \$3,445.75.
2. TGI is to reimburse BCOAPO for the total amount awarded in a timely fashion.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of January 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner