

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-22-08**

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro")
Transmission Service Rate Re-Pricing Application
Applications for Participant Assistance/Cost Award

BEFORE:

R.J. Milbourne
A.A. Rhodes

August 27, 2008

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On February 22, 2008, BC Hydro applied for interim and final orders regarding the pricing of certain rate schedules applicable to its transmission service customers ("TSR Re-pricing Application"), to reflect the cost of new supply as indicated by the results of its F2006 Call for Tender process; and
- B. The rate schedules ("RS") that are the subject of the TSR Re-pricing Application are RS 1823 (Stepped Rate); RS 1825 (Time of Use or "TOU" Rate); RS 1880 (Standby and Maintenance Supply Rate); and RS 1890 (Energy Imbalance Rate); and
- C. On February 22, 2008, the Commission issued Letter L-5-08 establishing, among other things, the regulatory timetable for parties to address, by written submission, BC Hydro's request to implement, as interim rates, the rates described in the TSR Re-pricing Application and the F09/F10 RRA effective April 1, 2008; and
- D. By Order G-29-08 dated February 29, 2008, the Commission established the Regulatory Timetable for the TSR Re-pricing Application, which included a Workshop on the TSR Re-pricing Application for March 13, 2008 and a round of Information Requests from the Commission and Intervenor and Responses from BC Hydro; and
- E. By Order G-77-08 dated April 30, 2008, the Commission directed that the TSR Re-pricing Application be reviewed by a Written Public Hearing process, and that the revenue implications of the TSR Re-pricing be included in the Evidentiary Update of the F09/F10 RRA; and
- F. By Order G-97-08, the Commission issued its Reasons for Decision on the TSR Re-pricing Application; and

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- G. On June 24, 2008 the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. ("BCOAPO") filed an application for a Participant Assistance Cost Award with respect to its participation in the Procedural Conference and the Written Public Hearing process; and
- H. On July 3, 2008, the BC Sustainable Energy Association ("BCSEA") filed an application for a Participant Assistance Cost Award with respect to its participation in the Procedural Conference and the Written Public Hearing process; and
- I. By letter dated July 24, 2008 BC Hydro advised the Commission that it finds both cost award applications to be substantially consistent with the Commission Participant Assistance Cost Award Guidelines; and
- J. The Commission has reviewed the applications for cost awards with regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order 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 the following for their participation in the proceeding.

	<u>Application</u>	<u>Award</u>
BCOAPO <i>et al.</i>	\$7,420.45	\$7,420.45
BCSEA <i>et al.</i>	\$4,547.63	\$4,547.63

- 2. BC Hydro is directed to reimburse the above-noted participants for the amounts awarded in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 27th day of August 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

R.J. Milbourne
Panel Chair and Commissioner