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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER F-1-09**

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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 Inc. and Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc.  
and Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc.  
2008 Resource Plan

**BEFORE:** A.W.K. Anderson, Commissioner  
A.A. Rhodes, Commissioner January 28, 2009

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On June 27, 2008, Terasen Gas Inc., Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. and Terasen Gas (Whistler) Inc. (collectively "Terasen" or "the Companies") jointly filed a consolidated 2008 Resource Plan ("Resource Plan") for acceptance by the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("Commission") in accordance with Section 44.1 of the *Utilities Commission Act*; and
- B. On May 28, 2008, Terasen Gas Inc. and Terasen Gas (Vancouver Island) Inc. (collectively "TGI and TGVI") filed an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs Application ("EEC Application"); and
- C. The Resource Plan includes five-year capital plans and statements of facilities expansion, although the Companies note that they are not requesting approval of these capital plans; and
- D. By Order G-120-08 the Commission established a written proceeding to review the Resource Plan; and
- E. The Commission Panel issued Order G-194-08 and Reasons for Decision dated December 15, 2008 accepting the 2008 Resource Plan for filing, subject to the comments in the Reasons for Decision attached as Appendix A to the Order.
- F. By letter dated November 20, 2008, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre, on behalf of its clients, the BC Old Age Pensioners Organization et al. ("BCOAPO") applied for a cost award with respect to its participation in the Procedural Conference and the Written Public Hearing process; and

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- G. By letter dated December 11, 2008, Terasen advised the Commission that it found the BCOAPO application for a cost award reasonable; and
- H. The Commission has reviewed the application for cost award with regard to the criteria and rates set out in Order G-72-07.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to Section 118(1) of the Utilities Commission Act, the Commission awards funds to BCOAPO in the amount of \$5,936.88 with respect to its participation in the proceeding. Terasen is to reimburse the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre, on behalf of its client, for the amount awarded in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

A.A. Rhodes  
Commissioner