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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER F-15-10**

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

**and**

**Applications for Participant Assistance/Cost Award  
In the Application by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
for the Mica Gas Insulated Switchgear Project**

**BEFORE:** R.J. Milbourne, Panel Chair/Commissioner May 26, 2010  
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On August 5, 2009, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) applied (the Application) for acceptance by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) that the expenditures in a capital expenditure schedule filed pursuant to section 44.2(1)(b) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act) in respect of the Mica Gas Insulated Switchgear Project (Mica GIS Project) are in the public interest; and
- B. By Order G-38-10 and Decision dated March 16, 2010, the Commission declined to accept the capital expenditure schedule for the Mica GIS Project; and
- C. By letter dated March 10, 2010, the Sexqéltkemoc (Lakes Division) of the Secwepemc Nation (Sexqéltkemoc) applied for Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) funding for their participation in the proceeding; and
- D. By Order F-12-10 dated April 21, 2010, the Commission approved PACA funding for the British Columbia Old Age Pensions' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO), Independent Power Producers of British Columbia (IPBC), and Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC) for their participation in the proceeding; and
- E. By letter dated May 4, 2010 to the Commission, BC Hydro commented that the Sexqéltkemoc PACA funding request is reasonable; and
- F. Commission Order G-72-07 established Guidelines for PACA applications; and
- G. The Commission has reviewed the Sexqéltkemoc PACA application with regard to the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines in Commission Order G-72-07 and has concluded that, after adjusting the amount for legal counsel to the rate of \$1,800 per eight hour day set out in the Guidelines, PACA funding for the Sexqéltkemoc should be approved.

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**NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to section 118(1) of the Act, the Commission awards funds to the following for their participation in the proceeding:

<b>Participant</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Award</b>
Sexqéltkemc (Lakes Division) of the Secwepemc Nation	\$2,027.86	\$1,698.86

2. BC Hydro is directed to reimburse the above-noted Participant for the Award amount in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

R.J. Milbourne  
Panel Chair/Commissioner

