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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER F-5-11**

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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 Awards  
regarding the Terasen Gas Inc.  
Biomethane Service Offering and Supporting Business Model  
and  
The Salmon Arm Biomethane Project and Catalyst Biomethane Project**

**BEFORE:** D.A. Cote, Panel Chair/Commissioner  
A.A. Rhodes, Commissioner  
L.A. O'Hara, Commissioner  
January 25, 2011

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On June 8, 2010, Terasen Gas Inc. (Terasen Gas) filed an application (the Application) for approval of rate schedules, related deferral accounts, a cost recovery mechanism and a Biomethane Energy Recovery Charge to support a Biomethane Service Offering;
- B. The Application also sought approval of an expenditure schedule in respect of two Biomethane supply projects: the Salmon Arm Biomethane Project and the Catalyst Biomethane Project, and sought acceptance of the associated energy supply contracts;
- C. By Order G-194-10 and Decision dated December 14, 2010, the Commission rendered its Decision on the Terasen Gas Application;
- D. On October 5, 2010, the BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) submitted a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) application for its participation in the proceeding;
- E. On October 18, 2010, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO) submitted a PACA application for its participation in the proceeding;
- F. By letter dated November 8, 2010, Terasen Gas stated that it had reviewed the PACA applications of BCSEA and BCOAPO, that it was of the view that they are not unreasonable and that it had no objection to the applications or the amounts sought;

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- G. On December 1, 2010, the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC) submitted a PACA application for its participation in the proceeding;
- H. By letter dated January 5, 2011, Terasen Gas stated that it had reviewed the CEC PACA application, that it was of the view that the application is not unreasonable, and that it had no objection to the amount sought;
- I. Commission Order G-72-07 established Guidelines for PACA applications; and
- J. The Commission Panel has reviewed the PACA applications and comments from Terasen Gas with regard to the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines and has concluded that PACA funding should be awarded to BCSEA, BCOAPO and CEC in the amounts set out in their applications.

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

- 1. Pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission awards funds in the following amounts to the participants for their participation in the proceeding to examine the Biomethane Application:

<b>Participant</b>	<b>Application Amount</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
BCSEA	\$7,729.40	\$7,729.40
BCOAPO	10,163.50	10,163.50
CEC	11,683.00	11,683.00

- 2. Terasen Gas is directed to reimburse BCSEA, BCOAPO and CEC for the amounts that have been awarded in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D.A. Cote  
Panel Chair/Commissioner