

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-8-11**

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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
in an Application by FortisBC Inc.
for Approval of 2011 Capital Expenditure Plan**

BEFORE: L.A. O'Hara, Panel Chair/Commissioner
D.A. Cote, Commissioner February 3, 2011
A.A. Rhodes, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 18, 2010, FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC) filed its 2011 Capital Expenditure Plan (the Application), pursuant to sections 44.2(1)(a) and (b) and 45(2) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (Act), for approval by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission);
- B. By Order G-112-10, the Commission established a Written Hearing Process for its review of the Application and also ordered that a Workshop be held in Kelowna, BC on August 4, 2010;
- C. On December 17, 2010, the Commission issued Order G-195-10 with its Decision;
- D. Between November 8, 2010 and December 6, 2010, the following groups or individuals filed applications for a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA):
 - British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Association *et al.* (BCOAPO);
 - The BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia (BCSEA);
 - The Fairview Heights Irrigation District, Keremeos Irrigation District, Similkameen Improvement District, Vincor Canada (the Irrigation Ratepayers Group, IRG);
 - British Columbia Municipal Electrical Utilities (BCMEU); and
 - Mr. Norman Gabana;
- E. By letter dated January 27, 2011, FortisBC advised the Commission that it has no comment concerning the PACA applications;

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- F. The Commission has reviewed the PACA applications with regard to the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines in Order G-72-07 and has concluded that the applied for cost awards should be approved for participants in the proceeding except for a minor adjustment for BCSEA to reflect consulting fees applicable in written proceedings.

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	\$9,723.86	\$9,723.86
BCSEA	\$6,886.81	\$6,821.18
BCMEU	\$8,341.87	\$8,341.87
IRG	\$2,875.00	\$2,875.00
Mr. N. Gabana	\$642.84	\$642.84

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

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of February 2011.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Panel Chair/Commissioner

