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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-16-11**

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

and

**An Application by FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc.
(formerly Terasen (Vancouver Island) Inc.)
and Mt. Hayes (GP) Ltd. as General Partner on behalf of Mt. Hayes Storage Limited Partnership
for Approvals to Allow the Chemainus Indian Band and Cowichan Tribes
to Acquire an Ownership Interest in the Liquefied Natural Gas Storage Facility
located at Mt. Hayes, near Ladysmith, British Columbia**

BEFORE: N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner

June 30, 2011

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 11, 2011 FortisBC Energy (Vancouver Island) Inc. (FEVI) (formerly Terasen (Vancouver Island) Inc.) and Mt. Hayes (GP) Ltd., as general partner on behalf of Mt. Hayes Storage Limited Partnership (Mt. Hayes LP) submitted an application (the Application) to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) for approvals under the *Utilities Commission Act* to allow the Chemainus Indian Band (Chemainus) and Cowichan Tribes (Cowichan) to acquire an ownership interest in the Liquefied Natural Gas Storage Facility (LNG Storage Facility) located at Mt. Hayes, near Ladysmith, British Columbia;
- B. The LNG Storage Facility is owned by FEVI and is expected to be in-service in April 2011;
- C. Commission Order G-7-11 established a written public hearing and regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which concluded on April 5, 2011 with the receipt of FEVI's Reply Argument;
- D. By Letter dated April 15, 2011, British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy, on behalf of its clients the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO), applied for a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) with respect to its participation in the written proceeding;
- E. By letter dated June 20, 2011, FEVI advised the Commission that it did not object to the PACA request;
- F. The Commission has reviewed the 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 the cost award should be granted.

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NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act* the Commission Orders as follows:

1. A cost award in the amount of \$3,416.00 is approved for BCOAPO with respect to its participation in the FEVI written proceeding.
2. FEVI is directed to reimburse BCOAPO for the amount that has been awarded in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *Fifth* of July 2011.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

N.E. MacMurchy
Commissioner