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**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER F-10-12**

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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  
An Application by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
to Amend Rate Schedule 1289 – Net Metering Service and  
Cancel Tariff Supplement No. 63 – Net Metering Interconnection Agreement

**BEFORE:** D.M. Morton, Commissioner

June 5, 2012

## **O R D E R**

### **WHEREAS:**

- A. On September 9, 2011, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed a copy of the F2011 Net Metering Evaluation Report (Appendix A), in compliance with British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission) Order G-4-09 and applied for approval pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, amendments to the Net Metering Rate Schedule 1289 (RS 1289) and the cancellation of Tariff Supplement No. 63 – Net Metering Interconnection Agreement (TS No. 63) (Application);
- B. The amendments applied for include:
  - a. Increasing the RS 1289 Energy Price (Energy Price) to 9.99 cents per kWh consistent with the 2011 Standing Offer Program (SOP) pricing,
  - b. Amending the "Availability" section of RS 1289,
  - c. Integrating the terms and conditions of the Net Metering Interconnection Agreement (NMIA) into RS 1289 and cancelling TS No. 63;
- C. Commission Order G-170-11 dated October 6, 2011 (Exhibit A-1) established a Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application;
- D. The Commission approved an extension to the Regulatory Timetable on November 10, 2011 (Letter L-86-11, Exhibit A-3) requested by BC Hydro in a letter dated November 8, 2011 (Exhibit B-2);

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- E. Commission Order G-222-11 dated December 21, 2011 (Exhibit A-4) established a new Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application following notification by BC Hydro on December 16, 2011 (Exhibit B-4) that it had not complied with Commission Order G-170-11 in respect to Directives 2, 3, and 4;
- F. By Order G-57-12 dated May 14, 2012, the Commission issued its Reasons for Decision approving BC Hydro's Application, subject to certain revisions set out in the Order;
- G. On March 14, 2012, the B.C. Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia (BCSEA et al.) applied for a Participant Assistance Cost Award (PACA) in the amount of \$5,874.45;
- H. By letter dated April 4, 2012, BC Hydro supported BCSEA et al.'s PACA application;
- I. The Commission has reviewed BCSEA et al.'s PACA application with regard to the criteria and rates as set out in PACA Guidelines in Order G-72-07 and has concluded that BCSEA et al.'s PACA application should be approved.

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

1. Pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission awards PACA funds in the amount of \$5,874.45 to BCSEA et al. for its participation in the proceeding.
2. BC Hydro is directed to reimburse the participant for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D.M. Morton  
Commissioner