



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER F-13-12**

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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 FortisBC Inc.  
2012 and 2013 Revenue Requirements Application  
and Review of 2012 Integrated System Plan

**BEFORE:** D.A. Cote, Panel Chair/Commissioner  
A.A. Rhodes, Commissioner July 31, 2012  
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner

**O R D E R**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On June 30, 2011, FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for approval of its 2012 – 2013 Revenue Requirements and the Review of its 2012 Integrated System Plan. FortisBC filed an evidentiary update to the Application on November 4, 2011, which reduced the rate increase sought to 1.5 percent in 2012 and 6.5 percent in 2013;
- B. Commission Order G-199-11 issued on November 30, 2011, established a date for an oral public hearing commencing on Monday, March 5, 2012. The hearing concluded on Friday, March 9, 2012;
- C. On May 3, 2012, FortisBC filed its Reply Submission;
- D. On May 9, 2012, the BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia (BCSEA-SCBC) submitted their Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) Application for their participation in the proceeding;
- E. On May 30, 2012, the British Columbia Municipal Electric Utilities (BCMEU) submitted their PACA Application for their participation in the proceeding;
- F. On May 25, 2012, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOPAO) submitted their PACA Application for their participation in the proceeding;
- G. On June 1, 2012, the Industrial Customers Group (ICG) submitted their PACA Application for their participation in the proceeding;

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- H. By email, FortisBC stated it had no comments with respect to BCSEA-SCBC, BCMEU or BCOAPO's PACA Applications;
- I. FBC provided comments to ICG's PACA Application, but states that it does not argue that ICG should be denied Intervener funding;
- J. The Commission has reviewed the PACA Applications with regard to the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines in Commission Order G-72-07 and has concluded that cost awards should be approved for the PACA applications in the proceeding.

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission approves:

1. Participant Assistance/Cost Awards in the following amounts with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

<b>Participant</b>	<b>Award</b>
BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club of British Columbia	\$90,752.31
British Columbia Municipal Electrical Utilities	\$55,524.00
British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al.	\$61,750.85
Industrial Customers Group	\$55,238.00

2. FortisBC Inc. is directed to reimburse the above-noted Participants for the Award amounts in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2012.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

D.A. Cote  
Panel Chair/Commissioner