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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-18-13**

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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 Energy Inc.
Biomethane Third-Party Suppliers Regulatory Process:
Applications for Approval of Third-Party Suppliers' Rates &
Acceptance of FEI Biomethane Purchase Agreements with Third-Party Suppliers and
FEI Capital Expenditures for Related Interconnection Facilities**

BEFORE: L.A. O'Hara, Panel Chair/Commissioner
C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner June 17, 2013

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 28, 2013, CH Four Biogas, Inc. filed applications for approval of rates under sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) on behalf of Dicklands Farms (Dicklands) and Seabreeze Farms Ltd. (Seabreeze). On January 30, 2013, Earth Renu Energy Corp. (Earth Renu) filed its application seeking approval of a rate pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the UCA and amended its application on February 21, 2013;
- B. The British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) by Order G-30-13 dated March 4, 2013, established a Regulatory Timetable and a Streamlined Review Process (SRP) for the review of the Biomethane Third-Party Suppliers' applications. The SRP took place on April 22, 2013.
- C. On May 14, 2013, the Commission issued Order G-79-13 with Reasons for Decision;
- D. Between May 13, 2013 and June 6, 2013, the following Interveners filed applications for a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) funding:
 - B.C. Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA);
 - British Columbia Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization *et al.* (BCPSO);
 - Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC);

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- E. By letters dated May 17 and June 7, 2013 to the Commission, FortisBC Energy Inc. provided comments on the PACA applications indicating it has no concerns regarding the amounts applied for;
- F. 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 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 Interveners for their participation in the proceeding.

Intervener	Application	Award
B.C. Sustainable Energy Association	\$3,259.20	\$3,259.20
British Columbia Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization <i>et al.</i>	\$5,104.75	\$5,104.75
Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$4,992.75	\$4,992.75

2. FortisBC Energy Inc. is directed to reimburse the above noted Interveners for the amounts that have been awarded in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of June 2013.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.A. O'Hara
Panel Chair/Commissioner