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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-10-15**

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

Applications for Participant Assistance / Cost Awards
in the Application by FortisBC Energy Inc. for Approval of 2015 Delivery Rates
pursuant to the Multi-Year Performance Based Ratemaking Plan
approved for 2014 through 2019 by Order G-138-14

BEFORE: D. A. Cote, Commissioner / Panel Chair
D. M. Morton, Commissioner June 17, 2015
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 15, 2014, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) issued its Decision and Order G-138-14 for FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) approving a Multi-Year Performance Based Rate-making (PBR) Plan for 2014 through 2019. In accordance with the PBR Decision, FEI is to conduct an annual review process to set delivery rates for each year;
- B. On January 14, 2015, FEI submitted an application for the Annual Review of 2015 Delivery Rates (Application);
- C. Pursuant to Order G-6-15 issued on January 22, 2015, the Commission established the Regulatory Timetable for review of the Application which provided for one round of information requests, a workshop to review FEI's 2014 performance results and the 2015 revenue requirements, a response by FEI to undertakings arising from information requested at the workshop, and written final and reply submissions;
- D. By Order G-86-15 dated May 27, 2015, which accompanied the decision on this Application, the Commission approved, among other things, permanent delivery rates for all of FEI's non-bypass customers effective January 1, 2015, as modified by the directives in the Decision;

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- E. Between April 20, 2015 and May 21, 2015, the Commission received Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications from the following interveners:
- British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, *et al*;
 - Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia; and
 - BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia;
- F. By letter dated June 4, 2015, FEI provided its comments on the PACA applications, stating that provided the Commission has no concerns with the time identified or the amounts applied for by the interveners, FEI has no comment; and
- G. The Commission has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines to Commission Order G-72-07, and concludes that the cost awards should be approved.

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

1. Funding is awarded to the following interveners for their participation in the FortisBC Energy Inc. Annual Review of 2015 Delivery Rates proceeding:

Intervener	Application	Award	Award as % of Application
British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, <i>et al</i>	\$12,019.88	\$12,019.88	100%
Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$15,130.50	\$15,130.50	100%
BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia	\$7,428.22	\$7,428.22	100%

2. FortisBC Energy Inc. is directed to reimburse the above participants for the respective 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 2015.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. A. Cote
Commissioner