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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-16-15**

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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 Awards
in the FortisBC Inc.
Application for Stepped and Stand-By Rates for Transmission Voltage Customers**

BEFORE: L. A. O'Hara, Commissioner
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

July 23, 2015

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 28, 2013, FortisBC Inc. (FortisBC) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of new rates for transmission voltage customers (Application) under sections 58-61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*;
- B. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro), Zellstoff Celgar Limited Partnership (Celgar), International Forest Products Limited, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO), and the BC Municipal Electric Utilities registered as interveners;
- C. On January 31, 2014, by Order G-12-14, the Commission determined that its review of the issues in the Application that did not overlap with the issues then being considered in the BC Hydro Rate Schedule 3808 Application (RS 3808 Proceeding), would proceed by way of a written hearing (Stage I);
- D. On May 26, 2014, by way of Order G-67-14, the Commission made a determination on Stage I. By Order F-18-14A, the Commission awarded Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) funding of \$20,398.59 to BCOAPO and \$52,820 to Celgar for their participation in the review of Stage I;
- E. The review of the Application continued with the Commission making a final determination on Stages II and III by Order G-46-15 and Order G-93-15, respectively;
- F. BCOAPO filed a PACA application for Stage II on December 19, 2014 and Stage III on May 26, 2015 requesting a reward of \$14,698.13 and \$2,267.48, respectively;

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- G. On June 11, 2015, the Commission issued a letter to FortisBC requesting comments on the PACA applications which FortisBC replied to, without issue, on June 23, 2015; and
- H. The Commission has reviewed BCOAPO's PACA applications and comments from FortisBC with regard to the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines in Commission Order G-72-07 and concluded that PACA funding should be awarded.

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

1. Funding is awarded to the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization *et al.* for their participation in Stages II and III of the FortisBC Inc. Application for Stepped and Stand-By Rates for Transmission Voltage Customers proceeding as follows:

REGISTERED INTERVENER	AWARD
British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization <i>et al.</i> (Stage II)	\$14,698.13
British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization <i>et al.</i> (Stage III)	\$2,267.48
TOTAL	\$16,965.61

2. FortisBC Inc. is directed to reimburse the above intervener for the approved award amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of July 2015.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

L. A. O'Hara
Commissioner