

ORDER NUMBER
F-2-17

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

and

FortisBC Inc.
Application for Acceptance of Demand Side Management Expenditures for 2017
Participant Assistance/Cost Awards

BEFORE:
H. G. Harowitz, Panel Chair/Commissioner
D. J. Enns, Commissioner
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

February 15, 2017

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 8, 2016, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to section 44.2 of the Utilities Commission Act for acceptance of Demand Side Management (DSM) expenditures for year 2017 (Application);
- B. In the Application, FBC requests acceptance of DSM expenditures of \$7.6 million for year 2017;
- C. By Orders G-135-16, the Commission established a written public hearing process for the review of the Application including one round of information requests and written final arguments;
- D. On January 25, 2017, the Commission issued Order G-9-17 with accompanying Reasons for Decision in regard to the Application;
- E. The following participants filed Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications with the Commission with respect to their participation in the FBC Application for Acceptance of DSM Expenditures for 2017 proceeding:

DATE (2016)	PARTICIPANT	Application
November 14	British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization <i>et al.</i>	\$5,401.39
November 15	B.C. Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia	\$6,900.60
November 21	Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$9,619.32
December 2	Industrial Customers Group	\$7,044.45

- F. On December 27, 2016, FBC submitted 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, FBC has no comment;
- G. The Commission reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the PACA Guidelines attached 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 British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

1. Funding is awarded to the following participants for their participation in the FortisBC Inc. Application for Acceptance of Demand Side Management (DSM) Expenditures for 2017 proceeding:

PARTICIPANT	AWARD
British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization <i>et al.</i>	\$5,401.39
B.C. Sustainable Energy Association and the Sierra Club of British Columbia	\$6,900.60
Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$9,619.32
Industrial Customers Group	\$7,044.45

2. FortisBC Inc. is directed to reimburse the above-noted participants in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of February 2017.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

H. G. Harowitz
Panel Chair/Commissioner