



**ORDER NUMBER  
F-13-18**

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

and

FortisBC Inc.  
Application for Reconsideration and Variance of Order G-199-16  
Application for Participant Assistance/Cost Awards

**BEFORE:**

H. G. Harowitz, Panel Chair/Commissioner  
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner  
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

on March 22, 2018

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On March 17, 2017, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) filed an Application for Reconsideration and Variance of Order G-199-16 on the basis that the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) erred in matters of fact and law that justify variation of Order G-199-16;
- B. On April 15, 2016, FBC filed its Net Metering Program Tariff Update Application (2016 NM Application) with the Commission;
- C. On December 29, 2016, the Commission issued Order G-199-16 and accompanying reasons for decision regarding FBC's 2016 NM Application (2016 NM Decision);
- D. By letter dated April 3, 2017, the Commission established the first phase of the reconsideration process wherein the Commission requested written submissions from registered interveners in the FBC Net Metering Program Tariff Update Application proceeding addressing specific questions on whether the threshold for reconsideration has been met. FBC was given the opportunity to respond to intervener submissions;
- E. The Panel determined that a *prima facie* case for reconsideration had been met by the Applicant and Orders G-76-17 and G-127-17 established the regulatory process for Phase Two of the reconsideration that included FBC evidence, one round of information requests and written arguments;
- F. BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.*, Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia, Mr. Donald Scarlett and Mr. Andy Shadrack participated as interveners in Phase Two of the reconsideration process;

- G. By Order G-63-18 with reasons for decision dated March 16, 2018, the Commission, among other things, varied Directives 2, 3 and 4 of Order G-199-16;
- H. The following participants filed Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications with the Commission with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date	Participant	Application
December 5, 2017	BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC	\$14,621.80
November 15, 2017	Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$9,119.07
December 22, 2017	Mr. Andy Shadrack	\$2,688.35

- I. By letter dated February 1, 2018, FBC provided its comments on the PACA applications, stating that if the Commission is satisfied that the participants have met the eligibility requirements, that the funding days claimed is appropriate and that the level of participation has met with the Commission's criteria and requirements, then FBC has no further comment; and
- J. The Commission has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to Commission Order G-97-17, 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 participants in the listed amounts for their participation in the FBC Application for Reconsideration and Variance of Order G-199-16 proceeding:

Participant	Award
BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC	\$14,621.80
Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$9,119.07
Mr. Andy Shadrack	\$2,688.35

2. FBC is directed to reimburse the above-noted participants for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this **22nd** day of March 2018.

BY ORDER

*Original Signed By:*

H. G. Harowitz  
Commissioner