



**ORDER NUMBER
F-17-18**

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

and

FortisBC Inc.
2018 Demand-Side Management Expenditures Application
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner and Panel Chair
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

on June 26, 2018

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 15, 2017, FortisBC Inc. (FBC) submitted its Application for Acceptance of 2018 Demand-Side Management (DSM) Expenditures (Application) pursuant to section 44.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act*. FBC anticipates total expenditures on DSM of \$7.9 million in 2018;
- B. By Order G-176-17 dated December 6, 2017, the BCUC established an initial written hearing process. By Order G-21-18 dated January 24, 2018, the BCUC established a further written hearing process with one round of BCUC and intervener information requests (IRs).
- C. In this proceeding, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro); British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO); BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC (BCSEA-SCBC); Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC); Industrial Customers Groups (ICG) and Zellstoff Celgar Partnership Limited (Celgar), registered as interveners;
- D. On March 20, 2018, FBC submitted its final argument, in which it sought acceptance of the DSM expenditures of up to \$7.9 million for 2018. By April 3, 2018, BCOAPO, BCSEA-SCBC, CEC and ICG filed final arguments. On April 10, 2018, FBC filed its reply argument.
- E. The following participants filed Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date	Participant	Application
April 27, 2018	BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC	\$7,422.53
May 8, 2018	Industrial Customers Groups	\$10,416.00

- F. By letter dated June 11, 2018, FBC provided its comments on the BCSEA-SCBC and ICG PACA Applications, stating that it has no further comments if the BCUC 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 BCUC's criteria and requirements;
- G. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to BCUC Order G-143-16, and concludes that the cost awards should be approved.

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

1. Funding is awarded to the following interveners in the listed amounts for their participation in the FortisBC Inc. 2018 Demand-Side Management Expenditures Application proceeding:

Participant	Award
BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC	\$7,422.53
Industrial Customers Groups	\$10,416.00

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 26th day of June 2018.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

H. G. Harowitz
Commissioner