



**ORDER NUMBER
F-17-19**

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

and

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
Energy Conservation and Innovation Program Funding Application
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

W. M. Everett, QC, Panel Chair
H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner
T. A. Loski, Commissioner

on June 11, 2019

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 21, 2018, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. (collectively, PNG) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to section 44.2 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, for acceptance of the expenditures schedule for PNG's Energy Conservation and Innovation (ECI) programs for 2019 and 2020 (Application);
- B. In the Application, PNG sought the following additional approvals:
 - 1. approval granting PNG flexibility in the reallocation of expenditures amongst demand-side measure (DSM) programs and between program years, subject to the total amount not exceeding the total amount of \$827,000 sought in this application; and
 - 2. approval to record all DSM expenditures in a rate base regulatory asset deferral account, and to retain the 5-year amortization period for DSM expenditures approved in G-203-15;
- C. By Order G-4-19, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which included: intervenor registration; one round of information requests; and written final and reply arguments;
- D. On June 6, 2019, by Decision and Order G-121-19, the BCUC issued its final determinations on the Application;
- E. The following participant filed a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) Application with the BCUC with respect to its participation in the proceeding:

Date	Participant	Application
April 29, 2019	British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization <i>et al.</i> (BCOAPO)	\$6,114.00

- F. By email dated May 1, 2019, PNG provided its comments on the BCOAPO's PACA Application, stating that it finds the PACA application to be reasonable; and
- G. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA Application with regard to the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines attached to Order G-97-17 and concludes that PACA funding is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. Funding is awarded to the following intervener in the listed amount for their participation in the PNG Energy Conservation and Innovation Program Funding Application proceeding:

Participant	Award
British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization <i>et al.</i>	\$6,114.00

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

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of June 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

W. M. Everett, QC
Commissioner