



**ORDER NUMBER**

**F-4-20**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for the Inland Gas Upgrades Project  
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

**BEFORE:**

A. K. Fung, QC, Panel Chair  
E. B. Lockhart, Commissioner  
T. A. Loski, Commissioner  
R. D. Revel, Commissioner

on February 3, 2020

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On December 17, 2018, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), seeking approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Inland Gas Upgrades (IGU) Project (Application);
- B. By Orders G-11-19, G-79-19, G-153-19 and G-219-19, the BCUC established and amended the regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which consisted of intervenor registration, three rounds of information requests, a workshop/procedural conference and final and reply arguments;
- C. Five intervenors registered in the proceeding: City of Kamloops (Kamloops), City of Kelowna (Kelowna), British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO), the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC), and the Stk'Emlupsemc Te Secwepemc Nation (SSN). BCOAPO and the CEC actively participated in this proceeding. The remaining three intervenors did not. Four interested parties registered: City of Prince George, District of Elkford, Tk'emups Te Wecwepemc, and the BC Oil and Gas Commission (BC OGC). No letters of comment were received;
- D. By its Decision and accompanying Order G-12-20 dated January 21, 2020, the BCUC issued its final determinations on the Application;

- 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
December 4, 2019	Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC)	\$56,988.20
November 26, 2019	British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO)	\$21,935.65

- F. By letter dated December 13, 2019, FEI provided its comments on the PACA applications, stating that if the BCUC is satisfied that CEC and BCOAPO have met the eligibility requirements, that the funding days claimed is appropriate and the level of participation has met the BCUC's criteria and requirements, then FEI has no further comment; and
- G. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to Order G-97-17, and considers that the cost awards to the CEC and BCOAPO in the full amounts they respectively claim for their respective participation in this proceeding, are warranted.

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

1. Funding is awarded to the following interveners in the listed amounts for their participation in the FEI Application for a CPCN for the IGU Project proceeding:

Participant	Award
Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$56,988.20
British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al.	\$21,935.65

2. FEI 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2020.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

A. K. Fung  
Commissioner