



**ORDER NUMBER**

**F-21-20**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

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

and

AltaGas Canada Inc. and PSPIB Cycle Investments Inc.  
Application to Acquire a Reviewable Interest in Each of  
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. And Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.  
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

**BEFORE:**

W. M. Everett, QC, Panel Chair  
C. Brewer, Commissioner  
M. Kresivo, QC, Commissioner

on June 24, 2020

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On November 19, 2019, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) received a joint application from AltaGas Canada Inc. (ACI) and PSPIB Cycle Investments Inc. (PSPIB), pursuant to section 54 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), for PSPIB to acquire a reviewable interest in each of Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) and PNG's wholly owned subsidiary Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. (PNG(N.E.)) through the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding common shares of ACI (altogether, the Application);
- B. PNG is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of ACI;
- C. PNG provides natural gas distribution service to 12 communities in northwestern British Columbia. PNG(N.E.) provides natural gas distribution service to communities in northeastern British Columbia;
- D. PNG and PNG(N.E.) (collectively, the Utilities) are public utilities regulated by the BCUC under the UCA;
- E. By Order G-344-19 dated December 19, 2019, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which was subsequently amended by orders G-345-19 and G-38-20. The timetables included one round of BCUC and intervener information requests, and final and reply arguments;
- F. On February 4, 2020, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO) registered as an intervener. The Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund Board registered as an interested party on December 5, 2019;

- G. By Order G-59-20 dated March 24, 2020, the BCUC approved the acquisition by PSPIB of all the issued and outstanding common shares of ACI, resulting in PSPIB acquiring a reviewable interest in each of PNG and PNG(N.E.);
- H. The following participant filed a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) application with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date	Participant	Application
April 22, 2020	BCOAPO	\$3,765.66

- I. By letter dated June 16, 2020, PNG and PNG(N.E.) provided comments on the PACA application, stating the fees and expenses in BCOAPO's PACA application were reasonable; and
- J. The BCUC 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 considers a cost award is warranted.

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

1. Funding is awarded to the following intervener in the listed amount for its participation in the ACI and PSPIB Application to Acquire a Reviewable Interest in each of PNG and PNG(N.E.) proceeding:

Participant	Award
BCOAPO	\$3,765.66

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 24th day of June 2020.

BY ORDER

*Original Signed By:*

W. M. Everett, QC  
Commissioner