



**ORDER NUMBER
F-3-21**

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

and

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
2020-2021 Revenue Requirements Application for the PNG-West Division
Compliance Filing of Regulatory Schedules in Accordance with Order G-255-20
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

A. K. Fung, QC, Panel Chair/Commissioner

on January 14, 2021

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 13, 2020, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) its revised regulatory schedules for the West Division (PNG-West) in accordance with Directive 16 of Order G-255-20, which reflect the directives and determinations outlined in the 2020-2021 Revenue Requirements Application (RRA) Decision (Compliance Filing);
- B. PNG requested approval in the Compliance Filing to make the 2020 interim Rate Stabilization Adjustment Mechanism (RSAM) rate rider approved by Order G-330-19A permanent. The difference between the 2020 interim RSAM rate rider and the 2020 RSAM rate rider as calculated in the financial schedules of the Compliance Filing, would remain in the RSAM interest bearing deferral account for amortization in 2021;
- C. British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, Disability Alliance BC, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, and Tenants Resource and Advisory Centre (BCOAPO et al.) participated as the sole intervener in the 2020-2021 RRA proceeding and was invited to provide comments on PNG's proposed treatment of the 2020 RSAM rate rider;
- D. By Order G-305-20 dated December 1, 2020, the BCUC varied Directives 2 and 18 of Order G-255-20 to make the 2020 interim RSAM rate rider approved by Order G-330-19A permanent for PNG-West and directed PNG to capture the difference between the 2020 interim RSAM rate rider and the 2020 RSAM rate rider as calculated in the financial schedules of the Compliance Filing, in the RSAM interest bearing deferral account for amortization in 2021;
- E. BCOAPO et al. filed the following Participant Assistance/Cost Award application (PACA Application) with the BCUC with respect to its participation in the review of the Compliance Filing:

Date	Participant	Application
December 21, 2020	BCOAPO et al.	\$2,324.79

- F. By emailed correspondence dated January 11, 2021, PNG provided its comments on the PACA Application, stating that it finds the fees and expenses to be reasonable; and
- G. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA Application in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to BCUC Order G-97-17, and considers that approval of the cost award is warranted.

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

1. Funding is awarded to BCOAPO et al. in the listed amount for its participation in the review of PNG-West's Compliance Filing:

Participant	Award
BCOAPO et al.	\$2,324.79

2. PNG is directed to reimburse BCOAPO et al. for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of January 2021.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A. K. Fung, QC
Commissioner