



ORDER NUMBER
F-29-22

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Application for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Bridge River Projects
Interim Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner
A. C. Dennier, Commissioner

on October 28, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 23, 2021, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Bridge River 1 Units 1 to 4 Generator Replacement Project (BR1 Project) and a CPCN for the Bridge River Transmission Project (BRT Project) (together, Application);
- B. On August 24, 2021, BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) requested to intervene in the BC Hydro Bridge River CPCN proceeding;
- C. On August 4, 2022, BCSEA filed an application for interim Participant Assistance / Cost Award (PACA) funding (Interim PACA Application). BCSEA seeks \$23,597.35 in interim PACA funding;
- D. By letter dated August 26, 2022, BC Hydro provided its comments on the Interim PACA Application, stating in BC Hydro's view, BCSEA has participated in the proceeding and contributed to a better understanding by the BCUC of the issues in the proceeding. BC Hydro states it has no objection to BCSEA receiving the Interim PACA funding requested; and
- E. The BCUC has reviewed the Interim PACA Application in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to Order G-97-17, and determines that an interim cost award should be granted as an advance against the BCUC's final cost award determination.

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

1. Interim funding in the listed amount is awarded to BCSEA as an advance against the BCUC's final cost award for participation in the BC Hydro Bridge River CPCN proceeding:

Participant	Award
BCSEA	\$23,597.35

2. BC Hydro is directed to reimburse BCSEA for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of October 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner