



**ORDER NUMBER
F-34-22**

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

and

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.
Application for Approval of a Low Carbon Energy Cost Recovery Mechanism and
Biomethane Purchase Agreements

BEFORE:

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

on December 16, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 17, 2021, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. (collectively, PNG) submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), seeking approval of a Low Carbon Energy Cost Recovery Mechanism, and pursuant to section 71 of the UCA and the BCUC Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts, seeking approval of Biomethane Purchase Agreements (BPAs) with ATCO Future Fuel RNG Limited Partnership (ATCO) and Tidal Energy Marketing Inc. (Tidal) (Application);
- B. By Orders G-6-22, G-90-22, G-138-22 and G-141-22, the BCUC established a written hearing process to review the Application. The regulatory timetable included intervenor registration, two rounds of information requests (IR), final arguments and reply on the BPAs, submissions on further process, and final arguments and reply on the Low Carbon Energy Cost Recovery Mechanism;
- C. BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA), FortisBC Energy Inc., and the Residential Consumer Intervenor Association (RCIA) registered as intervenors in the proceeding;
- D. By Order E-7-22 dated April 1, 2022, the BCUC accepted the BPAs for filing as prescribed undertakings pursuant to section 71 of the UCA, the BCUC Rules for Natural Gas Energy Supply Contracts, section 18 of the *Clean Energy Act* and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Clean Energy) Regulation;
- E. By Order G-339-22 dated November 25, 2022, pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the UCA, the BCUC approved, among other things, a Low Carbon Energy cost recovery mechanism for PNG, subject to directives and determinations in the Order and accompanying Decision;

- F. The following participants filed Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date (2022)	Participant	Application
July 20	BCSEA	\$12,993.40
August 10	RCIA	\$11,228.77

- G. By email dated December 5, 2022, PNG stated that it found the PACA funding amounts requested by BCSEA and RCIA to be reasonable; and
- H. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to BCUC Order G-97-17, and determines that the cost awards should be approved.

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 proceeding:

Participant	Award
BCSEA	\$12,993.40
RCIA	\$11,228.77

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

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of December 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner