



**ORDER NUMBER
F-11-23**

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 March 20, 2023

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 September 28, 2021, the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC (the CEC) requested to intervene in the BC Hydro Bridge River CPCN proceeding;
- C. On January 23, 2023, the CEC filed an application for interim Participant Assistance / Cost Award (PACA) funding (Interim PACA Application). The CEC seeks \$72,551.24 in interim PACA funding;
- D. By letter dated March 13, 2023, BC Hydro provided its comments on the Interim PACA Application, stating in BC Hydro's view, the CEC 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 the CEC 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 the CEC as an advance against the BCUC's final cost award for participation in the BC Hydro Bridge River CPCN proceeding:

Participant	Award
The CEC	\$72,551.24

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

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20th day of March 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner