



**ORDER NUMBER
F-16-23**

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

and

British Columbia Utilities Commission
Review of Thermal Energy Systems Regulatory Framework Guidelines
Interim Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

R. I. Mason, Panel Chair
W. M. Everett, KC, Commissioner
T. A. Loski, Commissioner

on May 4, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 20, 2019, by Order G-341-19, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established a written public hearing for the review of a proposed regulatory framework for Thermal Energy Systems (TES Review);
- B. The following intervener filed an Interim Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) application with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date	Participant	Application
April 11, 2023	BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA)	\$33,712.63

- C. BCSEA submits that the long duration of the proceeding warrants the awarding of interim costs to BCSEA;
and
- D. The BCUC has reviewed the Interim PACA application in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to BCUC Order G-97-17, and concludes that an adjusted cost award should be approved.

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

1. Interim funding is awarded to BCSEA in the listed amount for their participation in the TES Review proceeding, which constitutes an advance against the BCUC's final cost award determination after the conclusion of the proceeding:

Participant	Award
BCSEA	\$16,856.32

2. The BCUC is to reimburse BCSEA for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of May 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason
Commissioner