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ORDER NUMBER F-40-23

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

and

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

On November 15, 2023

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 21, 2023, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. [PNG(NE)] (collectively, PNG) filed an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to consolidate commodity-related charges across all service areas, including Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.'s Western Division (PNG-West), PNG-West (Granisle), PNG(NE) Tumbler Ridge (TR) and PNG(NE) Fort St. John (FSJ) and Dawson Creek (DC) (Application);
- B. By Order G-137-23, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for review of the Application, which included intervener registration, one round of BCUC and intervener information requests, and final and reply arguments;
- C. The BC Sustainable Energy Association and the Residential Consumer Intervener Association registered as interveners in the proceeding;
- D. The following participants filed Participant Cost Award (PCA) applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

| Date | Participant | Application |
|------------------|--|-------------|
| October 30, 2023 | British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) | \$13,741.18 |
| October 30, 2023 | Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA) | \$17,448.38 |

- E. By emails dated November 3, 2023, PNG provided its comments on the PCA applications. PNG finds both amounts paid by the interveners for consultant and legal fees to participate in the regulatory review process for the proceeding to be reasonable; and
- F. The BCUC has reviewed the PCA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the Rules of Practice and Procedure attached to BCUC Order G-72-23 and concludes that the cost awards should be approved.

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

1. Funding is awarded to the following interveners in the listed amounts for their participation in the PNG Commodity Costs Consolidation proceeding:

| Participant | Award |
|---|-------------|
| British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) | \$13,741.18 |
| Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA) | \$17,448.38 |

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 15th day of November 2023.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski Commissioner