



**ORDER NUMBER
F-1-24**

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

and

Nelson Hydro
Application for Reconsideration and Variance of Order G-196-22
Participant Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

C. M. Brewer, Panel Chair

on January 12, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 2, 2022, Nelson Hydro filed an application for reconsideration and variance of Decision and Order G-196-22 pursuant to section 99 of the *Utilities Commission Act* with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) in accordance with Part V of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Reconsideration Application);
- B. By Orders G-392-22, G-34-23, G-73-23 and G-175-23, the BCUC established the regulatory timetable for the review of the Reconsideration Application, which included intervenor registration, one round of BCUC and intervenor information requests, and final and reply arguments;
- C. On November 15, 2023, by Order G-311-23, the BCUC issued its decision on the Reconsideration Application;
- D. Residential Consumer Intervenor Association (RCIA) filed a Participant Cost Award (PCA) application with the BCUC with respect to its participation as an intervenor in the proceeding, as follows:

Date	Participant	Application
November 21, 2023	RCIA	\$14,063.44

- E. On December 12, 2023, Nelson Hydro advised that it has no comments on RCIA's PCA Application; and
- F. The BCUC has reviewed the PCA application in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the Rules of Practice and Procedure for Participant Cost Awards, attached to BCUC Order G-72-23. The BCUC concludes that the cost award should be adjusted to exclude costs for the decision review claimed by RCIA as it does

not contribute to a better understanding of the issues in the proceeding and was incurred outside of the eligible period for claiming costs set out in Rule 32.03 of the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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

1. Funding is awarded to RCIA in the listed amount for its participation in the proceeding:

Participant	Award
RCIA	\$13,693.31

2. Nelson Hydro is directed to reimburse RCIA for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of January 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C. M. Brewer
Commissioner