



ORDER NUMBER
F-2-24

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

and

Powell River Energy Inc.
Status as a Public Utility
Participant Cost Award

BEFORE:

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair
C. M. Brewer, Commissioner

on January 12, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. By Order G-38-23 dated February 24, 2023, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established a public hearing to review Powell River Energy Inc.'s (PREI) status as a public utility under the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA);
- B. On July 6, 2023, Energy Democracy for BC (ED4BC) filed a request to intervene;
- C. On December 5, 2023, ED4BC filed a Participant Cost Award (PCA) application with the BCUC with respect to its participation in the proceeding seeking an award of \$2,469.60 (PCA Application);
- D. On December 6, 2023, the BCUC issued Order G-332-23, determining that PREI is a public utility as defined in section 1 of the UCA;
- E. On December 13, 2023, PREI was provided a copy of the PCA Application for comment by December 28, 2023;
- F. By letter dated December 30, 2023, PREI filed a request for an extension to the deadline to submit comments on the PCA Application to January 12, 2024 (Extension Request), which was denied by BCUC Order G-11-24, dated January 12, 2024; and
- G. The BCUC has reviewed the PCA Application in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, attached to BCUC Order G-72-23, and concludes that the cost award in the requested amount should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 118(1) of the UCA, the BCUC orders as follows.

1. Funding is awarded to ED4BC in the amount listed below for its participation in the proceeding:

| Participant | Award |
|-------------|------------|
| ED4BC | \$2,469.60 |

2. PREI is directed to reimburse ED4BC for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

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

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

T. A. Loski
Commissioner