



**ORDER NUMBER**

**F-16-24**

**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  
Phase 1 Final Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

**BEFORE:**

T. A. Loski, Panel Chair

on February 29, 2024

**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 parties registered as interveners in the proceeding: British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO); British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA); City of Abbotsford; Condominium Home Owners Association - British Columbia; Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc.; Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.; Fink Machine Inc.; FortisBC Alternative Energy Services; FortisBC Energy Inc.; FVB Energy Inc; Movement Of United Professionals (MoveUp); Onni Group; River District Energy; Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA); SSL-Sustainable Service Ltd;
- C. By letter dated October 13, 2023, the BCUC requested submissions regarding eligibility for and appropriate limits on Participant Assistance Cost Awards (PACA);
- D. By letter dated December 21, 2023, the BCUC issued a report seeking the approval of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation to issue orders under section 88(3) granting exemptions based on the report;

- E. The following interveners filed Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding; and

Filing Date	Participant	Application
January 2	British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al (BCOAPO)	\$22,926.03
January 3	Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA)	\$16,058.09
January 15	Borealis GeoPower Inc. (Borealis)	\$11,139.59
January 19	BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA)	\$27,729.83

- F. The BCUC has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines attached to BCUC Order G-97-17, 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 TES Review proceeding:

Participant	Award
BCOAPO	\$22,926.00
RCIA	\$16,058.09
Borealis	\$11,139.59
BCSEA	\$27,729.83

2. The BCUC is directed to reimburse the above-noted interveners for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

T. A. Loski  
Commissioner