



**ORDER NUMBER
F-18-24**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Lower Mainland
Reactive Power Reinforcement Project
Participant Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

A.K. Fung, KC, Panel Chair
A.C. Dennier, Commissioner

on March 6, 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 22, 2022, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application (Application) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Lower Mainland Reactive Power Reinforcement Project (Project);
- B. By Order G-363-22, dated December 15, 2022, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for a review of the Application, which consisted of public notice and intervenor registration;
- C. By Order G-8-23, dated January 16, 2023, Order G-127-23, dated June 2, 2023, Order G-173-23, dated July 4, 2023, Order G-208-23, dated August 4, 2023 and Order G-265-23, dated October 10, 2023 the BCUC established further and amended regulatory timetables, which consisted of the BC Hydro Workshop, two rounds of information requests, and final and reply arguments;
- D. British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO); the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC); and Residential Consumer Intervenor Association (RCIA) registered as intervenors in the proceeding;
- E. By Decision and Order G-20-24 dated January 24, 2024, the BCUC denied BC Hydro a CPCN for the Project;

- F. The following interveners filed Participant Cost Award (PCA) applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date	Participant	Application
December 7, 2023	CEC	\$25,487.01
January 30, 2024	RCIA	\$32,089.49
January 31, 2024	BCOAPO	\$25,323.31

- G. On February 26, 2024, BC Hydro provided its comments on the PCA applications, stating that all three interveners have participated actively in the proceeding and contributed to a better understanding of the issues. BC Hydro submits that it has no objections to the PCA funding requested by each of the interveners; and
- H. The BCUC has reviewed the PCA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the BCUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure for Participant Cost Awards and determines that the cost awards as applied for 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 proceeding:

Participant	Award
CEC	\$25,487.01
RCIA	\$32,089.49
BCOAPO	\$25,323.31

2. BC Hydro is directed to reimburse the above-noted interveners for the awarded amounts in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of March 2024.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.K. Fung, KC
Commissioner