



**ORDER NUMBER
F-9-25**

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

and

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
1L243 Transmission Load Increase (Highland Valley Copper) Project
Participant Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

M. Jaccard, Panel Chair
E. A. Brown, Commissioner

on April 10, 2025

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 23, 2024, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the 1L243 Transmission Load Increase (Highland Valley Copper) Project (Project) (Application);
- B. The regulatory process for the review of the Application included one round of BCUC and intervener information requests (IRs), letters of comment, Panel IRs, and final and reply arguments;
- C. Colin Parkinson; Lower Nicola Indian Band; Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council; Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA); British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO); Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (the CEC); and Teck Highland Valley Copper Partnership registered as interveners in the proceeding;
- D. By Order C-1-25 dated February 12, 2025, the BCUC granted BC Hydro a CPCN for the Project, among other things;
- E. The following interveners filed Participant Cost Award (PCA) applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date	Participant	Application
February 18, 2025	The CEC	\$18,478.37
February 20, 2025 (amended March 5, 2025)	BCOAPO	\$17,079.28
February 20, 2025	RCIA	\$13,472.81

- F. By letter dated March 21, 2025, BC Hydro provided its comments on the PCA applications. By letter dated March 28, 2025, BCOAPO provided reply comments; and
- G. 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 and determines that the PCA applications should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 118 of the UCA, the BCUC orders as follows:

- Costs are awarded to the following participants in the listed amounts for their participation in the BC Hydro 1L243 Transmission Load Increase (Highland Valley Copper) Project proceeding:

Participant	Award
The CEC	\$18,478.37
BCOAPO	\$17,079.28
RCIA	\$13,472.81

- BC Hydro 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 10th day of April 2025.

BY ORDER

Electronically signed by Mark Jaccard

M. Jaccard
Commissioner