



**ORDER NUMBER
F-21-25**

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

and

Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc.
2024 to 2027 Rates for Heating at South Downtown TES
Participant Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

E. B. Lockhart, Panel Chair
W. E. Royle, Commissioner

On September 24, 2025

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 20, 2024, Creative Energy Vancouver Platforms Inc. (Creative Energy) filed an application (Application) for approval with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 58 to 60 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, seeking, among other things, approval of rates, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027, for the provision of heating and hot water service to customers connected to its South Downtown thermal energy system (SODO Heating TES);
- B. By Order G-15-25 dated January 24, 2025 and the accompanying decision, the BCUC approved rates for the SODO Heating TES on an interim and refundable/recoverable basis, effective January 1, 2025, and established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which included the filing of supplemental information, intervenor registration, one round of information requests (IRs), and final and reply arguments;
- C. In its supplemental information filing on February 14, 2025, Creative Energy revised its requests related to certain approvals sought in the Application and advised it would be filing an evidentiary update. By Order G-43-25 dated February 24, 2025, the BCUC amended the regulatory timetable to provide for the filing of the evidentiary update;
- D. On April 7, 2025, Creative Energy filed its responses to BCUC and Intervener IR No. 1 pursuant to Order G-43-25. As part of its responses, Creative Energy further revised its requests related to certain approvals sought in the Application;
- E. British Columbia (BC) Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, Disability Alliance BC, and Tenants Resource and Advisory Centre (BCOAPO), Residential Consumer Intervener Association (RCIA), and the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (the CEC) registered as interveners in the proceeding;

- F. On August 13, 2025, by Order G-198-25 and the accompanying decision, the BCUC made various final determinations on the Application, including the approval of rates for the SODO Heating TES, on a permanent basis, effective from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2027;
- G. The following interveners filed Participant Cost Award (PCA) applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date	Participant	Application
June 18, 2025	The CEC	\$15,119.07
August 21, 2025 (refiled on August 27 and September 2, 2025)	BCOAPO	\$14,731.47
August 27, 2025	RCIA	\$4,974.38

- H. By letter dated September 5, 2025, Creative Energy provided its comments on the PCA applications, stating that the applications are reasonable; and
- I. The BCUC has reviewed the PCA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the BCUC Rules of Practice and Procedure and determines that the PCA applications should be approved.

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

1. Costs are awarded to the following participants in the listed amounts, inclusive of applicable taxes, for their participation in the Creative Energy 2024 to 2027 Rates for Heating at South Downtown TES proceeding:

Participant	Award
The CEC	\$15,119.07
BCOAPO	\$14,731.47
RCIA	\$4,974.38

2. Creative Energy 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 24th day of September 2025.

BY ORDER

Electronically signed by Blair Lockhart

E. B. Lockhart
Commissioner