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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-29-15**

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

and

Application for Participant Assistance/Cost Award
in the Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
to Construct and Operate an Interconnecting Pipeline between Kitimat and Douglas Channel

BEFORE: D. A. Cote, Panel Chair/Commissioner
K. A. Keilty, Commissioner November 4, 2015
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 16, 2015, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission), pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate an approximate 8.8 kilometre interconnecting pipeline between Kitimat and Douglas Channel (Application);
- B. By Order G-137-15 dated August 14, 2015, the Commission established a written hearing process and amended the Regulatory Timetable established by Order G-122-15 on July 22, 2015 for the review of the Application;
- C. The review process included two rounds of information requests and submissions, and included the participation of the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO) as registered interveners;
- D. On September 23, 2015, PNG submitted its reply argument;
- E. BCOAPO filed an application on October 16, 2015 for Participant Assistant/Cost Awards (PACA) totalling \$5,935.23;
- F. BCOAPO filed a revised application on October 30, 2015 for PACA totalling \$5,825.85;

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- G. By email dated October 30, 2015, PNG stated that it finds the BCOAPO PACA application in the amount of \$5,825.85 to be reasonable; and
- H. Pursuant to the PACA Guidelines attached as Appendix A to Order G-72-07, the Panel finds that BCOAPO *et al.*'s application meets the criteria and concludes that BCOAPO *et al.* should receive PACA funding in the full amount of its application.

NOW THEREFORE the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission approves Participant Assistance/Cost Awards in the following amount with respect to their participation in the Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate an Interconnecting Pipeline between Kitimat and Douglas Channel proceeding:

British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization <i>et al.</i>	\$5,825.85
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2. Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. is directed to reimburse the above noted participant for the amount that has been awarded in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of November 2015.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

D. A. Cote
Commissioner