

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-11-11**

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

An Application for Participant Assistance/Cost Award
regarding the FortisBC Energy Inc. (formerly Terasen Gas Inc.)
Fort Nelson Service Area
Application for Approval to Amend its Schedule of Rates

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
D.A. Cote, Commissioner
D. Morton, Commissioner
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner

March 3, 2011

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 8, 2010, FortisBC Energy Inc.-Fort Nelson Service Area (formerly Terasen Gas Inc.) (TG Fort Nelson) submitted its 2011 Revenue Requirements Application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) seeking approval to recover a revenue deficiency of \$295 thousand through a permanent increase in its delivery rates, and to decrease the RSAM rate rider, effective January 1, 2011, from \$0.037/GJ by \$0.004/GJ for a total rate rider of \$0.033/GJ effective January 1, 2011 (Application);
- B. On September 30, 2010, the Commission issued Order G-149-10 establishing a Written Public Hearing Process and a Regulatory Timetable for review of the Application;
- C. By Order G-27-11 dated February 24, 2011, the Commission issued its Reasons for Decision approving the Application;
- D. On February 4, 2011, British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO) applied for a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) with respect to its participation in the Application's review;
- E. By letter dated February 21, 2011, TG Fort Nelson advised the Commission that it has no objection to the PACA application nor the amount sought therein;

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- F. The Commission has reviewed the PACA application for cost award with regard to the criteria and rates as set out in Order G-72-07 and has concluded that the PACA application from BCOAPO is reasonable and should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission approves a cost award for BCOAPO in the amount of \$3,869.60 for its participation in the proceeding.
2. TG Fort Nelson is directed to reimburse the participant for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of March 2011.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. A. Cote
Commissioner