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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-4-12**

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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 Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.
2011 Resource Plan for the PNG-West Pipeline System

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
C.A. Brown, Commissioner January 26, 2012
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner
D. Morton, Commissioner
R.D. Revel, Commissioner

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 6, 2011, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) filed its 2011 Resource Plan for the PNG-West Pipeline System (Resource Plan) with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission) pursuant to section 44.1 of the *Utilities Commission Act* and in accordance with Commission Order G-61-09;
- B. By letter dated August 11, 2011, the Commission established a regulatory timetable to review PNG's Resource Plan that included one round of Information Request (IR) from the Commission and stakeholders, submission of stakeholders' comments and a reply by PNG;
- C. On September 21, 2011, PNG submitted its response to IRs from the Commission and the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* (BCOAPO), the only stakeholder to participate in this proceeding;
- D. By letter dated September 28, 2011, BCOAPO submitted a letter of comment on PNG's Resource Plan to which PNG replied on October 5, 2011;
- E. On October 28, 2011, the British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre filed an application for Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) on behalf of its client, the BCOAPO, in the amount of \$2,219.00;
- F. By Order G-209-11, dated December 9, 2011, the Commission accepted PNG's Resource Plan pursuant to section 44.1(6) of the *Utilities Commission Act*;
- G. By email dated January 13, 2012, PNG advised the Commission that it had reviewed the BCOAPO PACA application and considered it to be reasonable; and
- H. The Commission has reviewed the BCOAPO PACA application with regard to the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines in Commission Order G-72-07.

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NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission awards funds in the requested amount of \$2,219.00 to the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.*, with respect to its participation in the review of the PNG Resource Plan.
2. PNG is directed to reimburse the Application for the award amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this *Third* day of February 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. Morton
Commissioner