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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 in the Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. Application for Approval of a Revised Firm and Interruptible Gas Transportation Service Agreement between PNG and LNG Partners, LLC

**BEFORE:** D.M. Morton, Commissioner

L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner R.D. Revel, Commissioner August 16, 2012

#### ORDER

#### WHEREAS:

- A. On May 30, 2012, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of a Revised Firm and Interruptible Gas Transportation Service Agreement between PNG and LNG Partners, LLC (TSA Application);
- B. By letter dated June 20, 2012, the Commission invited the interveners registered in PNG's 2012 revenue requirements application to provide their comments regarding the TSA Application;
- C. The British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre, on behalf of the British Columbia Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization *et al.* (BCPSO) submitted comments in respect of the TSA Application in a letter dated June 26, 2012;
- D. PNG responded to BCPSO's comments in a letter to the Commission dated June 27, 2012;
- E. The Commission issued Order G-89-12 dated June 28, 2012 approving the TSA Application;
- F. On July 27, 2012, BCPSO submitted a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) application in regard to its participation in the review of the TSA Application;
- G. By email dated July 27, 2012, PNG advised that it is of the view that the BCPSO PACA application is reasonable:

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H. The Commission has reviewed the PACA application with regard to the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines established in Commission Order G-72-07 together with the comments from PNG and concluded that PACA funding should be awarded to BCPSO in the amount set out in the application.

### **NOW THEREFORE** the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to section 118 (1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission awards funds in the amount of \$2,058.00 to BCPSO with respect to its participation in the review of TSA Application.
- 2. PNG is directed to reimburse BCPSO for the amount that has been awarded in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012.

**BY ORDER** 

Original signed by:

D.M. Morton Commissioner