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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER F-28-12**

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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.
2012 Revenue Requirements

BEFORE: C.A. Brown, Commissioner

December 3, 2012

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. (PNG) filed on November 30, 2011 with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the Commission), pursuant to sections 58 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (the Act), its 2012 Revenue Requirements Application (Application) to increase, among other things, delivery rates as a result of increases in cost of service offset somewhat by increased deliveries to some customer classes;
- B. Commission Order G-13-12, established an Amended Regulatory Timetable for the review of the Application, that included a request for Intervener submissions regarding the format of the proceeding, following PNG's responses to the second round of Information Requests and a draft written argument schedule;
- C. On May 18, 2012, the Commission received submissions from PNG, British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization et al. (BCOAPO), and the Peace River Regional District supporting a written hearing process for the review of the Application. Commission Order G-65-12 established a written hearing process for the review of the Application;
- D. On June 29, 2012, 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 \$9,227.58;
- E. By Order G-130-12, dated September 21, 2012, the Commission issued its Decision on the PNG Revenue Requirements Application pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act*;
- F. By email dated July 6, 2012, PNG advised the Commission that it had reviewed the BCOAPO PACA application and considered it to be reasonable;
- G. 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 \$9,227.58 to the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* [recently changed to the British Columbia Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization (BCPSO *et al.*)], with respect to its participation in the review of the PNG 2012 Revenue Requirements Application.
2. PNG is directed to reimburse BCPSO *et al.* for the award amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of December 2012.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C.A. Brown
Commissioner