



**ORDER NUMBER**  
**F-30-16**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.  
2017-2018 Revenue Requirements and Rates Application  
for the Fort Nelson Service Area  
Application for Participant Assistance/Cost Awards

**BEFORE:**

B. A. Magnan, Panel Chair/Commissioner  
D. J. Enns, Commissioner

on December 2, 2016

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On June 30, 2016, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) submitted its 2017-2018 Revenue Requirements and Rates Application for the Fort Nelson service area (FEFN 2017-2018 RRA) to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to sections 59 to 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* seeking, among other things, Commission approval of permanent delivery rates for the 2017 and 2018 test periods;
- B. By Order G-108-16 dated July 11, 2016, the Commission established a written public hearing process and a regulatory timetable which included intervener registration, one round of Commission and intervener information requests, and written final and reply arguments;
- C. On October 19, 2016, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* filed a Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) application with the Commission in the amount of \$5,299.06 regarding its participation in the FEFN 2017-2018 RRA proceeding;
- D. By Order G-162-16 and accompanying Reasons for Decision dated November 9, 2016, the Commission approved, among other things, permanent delivery rates for 2017 and 2018 for the Fort Nelson service area;
- E. On November 28, 2016, FEI submitted its comments on the PACA application stating that so long as the Commission has no concerns with the time identified or the amount applied for, FEI has no comment; and
- F. The Commission has reviewed the PACA application in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines, attached to Commission Order G-72-07, and concludes that the cost award should be approved.

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

1. Funding is awarded to the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* in the amount of \$5,299.06 for its participation in the FortisBC Energy Inc. Application for Approval of 2017-2018 Revenue Requirements and Rates for the Fort Nelson service area proceeding.
2. FortisBC Energy Inc. is directed to reimburse the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2016.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

B. A. Magnan  
Commissioner