



**ORDER NUMBER
F-2-18**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Annual Review for 2018 Delivery Rates
Application for Participant Assistance/Cost Awards

BEFORE:

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

on January 8, 2018

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On July 27, 2017, pursuant to Order G-115-17, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) established the regulatory timetable for the FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) Annual Review for 2018 Delivery Rates proceeding, which included the anticipated date for FEI to file its annual review materials, the deadline for intervenor registration, one round of information requests, a workshop, FEI’s response to undertakings at the workshop, and written final and reply arguments;
- B. On August 4, 2017, FEI submitted its Annual Review for 2018 Delivery Rates Application materials (Application). FEI also submitted an evidentiary update to the Application on September 26, 2017;
- C. The following participants filed Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications with the Commission with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date	Participant	Application
December 7, 2017	BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club of BC	\$7,198.80
December 5, 2017	British Columbia Old Age Pensioners’ Organization <i>et al.</i>	\$15,671.63
December 18, 2017	Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$17,515.58
November 20, 2017	MoveUP	\$6,272.00

- D. By Order G-196-17 and accompanying Reasons for Decision dated December 21, 2017, the Commission approved, among other things, FEI’s application to maintain 2018 delivery rates at the approved 2017 levels and to establish various rate riders on a permanent basis, effective January 1, 2018;
- E. By letter dated January 4, 2018, FEI provided its comments on the PACA applications, stating if the Commission is satisfied that the participants have met the eligibility requirements, that the funding days claimed is appropriate, and that the level of participation has met with the Commission’s criteria and requirements, then FEI has no further comment; and
- F. The Commission has reviewed the PACA applications in accordance with the criteria and rates set out in the PACA Guidelines attached to Order G-97-17 and concludes that the cost awards should be approved.

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

- 1. Funding is awarded to the following interveners in the listed amounts for their participation in the FEI Annual Review for 2018 Delivery Rates proceeding:

Participant	Award
BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club of BC	\$7,198.80
British Columbia Old Age Pensioners’ Organization <i>et al.</i>	\$15,671.63
Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia	\$17,515.58
MoveUP	\$6,272.00

- 2. FEI is directed to reimburse the above-noted participants for the awarded amount in a timely manner.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 8th day of January 2018.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

D. J. Enns
Commissioner