



**ORDER NUMBER
F-16-18**

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

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.
Application for Approval of Tariff Supplement No. K-1
Biomethane Long Term Large Volume Interruptible Sales Agreement between
the University of British Columbia and FortisBC Energy Inc.
Participant Assistance/Cost Award Application

BEFORE:

H. G. Harowitz, Commissioner/Panel Chair
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner

on May 10, 2018

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On September 14, 2017, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 59 to 61 and 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), for interim and permanent approval and endorsement of Rate Schedule 11B Tariff Supplement No. K-1, a Biomethane Long Term Large Volume Interruptible Sales Agreement between FEI and the University of British Columbia (Tariff Supplement No. K-1), effective October 1, 2017 (Application), filed as Appendix A of the Application;
- B. By Orders G-154-17 and G-178-17, the BCUC established a regulatory timetable for the review of the Application, which set out intervener registration, one round of information requests and written final arguments;
- C. The British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization *et al.* and the BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC registered as interveners in this proceeding;
- D. On March 21, 2018, by Order G-64-18 with Reasons for Decision, the BCUC approved the Tariff Supplement No. K-1 Biomethane Long Term Large Volume Interruptible Sales Agreement Rate Schedule 11B between the University of British Columbia and FEI on a permanent basis, effective October 1, 2017;
- E. The following participants filed Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) applications with the BCUC with respect to their participation in the proceeding:

Date	Participant	Application
February 2, 2018	British Columbia Old Age Pensioners’ Organization et al.	\$4,311.50
February 5, 2018	BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC	\$2,195.20

- F. By letter dated April 9, 2018, FEI provided its comments on the PACA applications, stating if the BCUC 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 BCUC’s criteria and requirements, then FEI has no further comment; and
- G. The Panel 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 British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

- 1. Funding is awarded to the following participants in the listed amounts for their participation in the proceeding:

Participant	Award
British Columbia Old Age Pensioners’ Organization et al.	\$4,311.50
BC Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club BC	\$2,195.20

- 2. FortisBC Energy Inc. 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 10th day of May 2018.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

H. G. Harowitz
 Panel Chair/Commissioner