



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER  
NUMBER F-13-14**

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IN THE MATTER OF  
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and

an Application by FortisBC Energy Inc.  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for the Huntingdon Station Bypass Project

**BEFORE:** R.D. Revel, Commissioner May 1, 2014

### **O R D E R**

#### **WHEREAS:**

- A. On October 25, 2013, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a bypass pipeline around FEI's Huntingdon Flow and Pressure Control Station, pursuant to sections 45 and 46 of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA) (Application). FEI also sought approval for deferral treatment and amortization of prefeasibility and Application costs under sections 59 to 61 of the UCA;
- B. On November 15, 2013, by Order G-185-13, the Commission established a Written Hearing Process in accordance with a preliminary Regulatory Timetable including two rounds of Commission and Intervener Information Requests and an Intervener Evidence Filing Deadline;
- C. The British Columbia Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization et al. (BCPSO) and the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC (CEC) registered as Interveners. BCPSO submitted its Participant Assistance/Cost Award (PACA) budget on December 11, 2014 and CEC submitted its PACA budget on December 12, 2013;
- D. On January 13, 2014, the Commission issued a letter to FEI and all Registered Interveners requesting Interveners to advise if they intended to file Intervener Evidence and proposing a shortened Regulatory Timetable. Both BCPSO and CEC advised that they did not intend to submit Intervener Evidence. No parties objected to the shortened timetable;
- E. On February 3, 2014, by Order G-11-14, the Commission shortened the preliminary Regulatory Timetable by eliminating the Intervener Evidence deadline and advancing to the Argument phase of the proceeding;

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- F. BCPSO submitted its application for PACA funding to the Commission on March 28, 2014 and CEC submitted its application for PACA funding on April 2, 2014;
- G. On April 16, 2014, FEI submitted that, so long as the Commission has no concerns with the time identified or the amounts applied for, it has no comments on the amounts submitted; and
- H. Pursuant to the PACA Guidelines, the Commission determines the entitlement to a full or partial award taking into account the criteria in the Guidelines, the information provided by the participant and variances in estimates provided. The Commission is satisfied that BCPSO and CEC should receive Participant Assistance/Cost Awards to recover costs for their contributions to this proceeding.

**NOW THEREFORE** the British Columbia Utilities Commission orders as follows:

1. Pursuant to section 118(1) of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission awards funds of \$7,754.79 to the British Columbia Pensioners' and Seniors' Organization *et al.* (BCPSO) and awards funds of \$4,378.50 to the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of British Columbia (CEC) for their participation in this proceeding.
2. FortisBC Energy Inc. is directed to reimburse BCPSO and CEC for the amounts that have been awarded in a timely manner.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2014.

BY ORDER

*Original signed by:*

R.D. Revel  
Panel Chair/Commissioner