

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No.

867

, Approved and Ordered

DEC 1 - 2006

Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that, effective January 8, 2007, the Employment and Assistance Regulation, B.C. Reg. 263/2002, is amended by adding the following section:

Supplement to pay a utility security deposit

- 58.1 (1) In this section, "utility security deposit" means an amount required by a utility provider of electricity or natural gas services to secure payment for the provision of residential electricity or natural gas services to a family unit.
- (2) The minister may provide a utility security deposit to or for a family unit that is eligible for income assistance or hardship assistance, in an amount not to exceed the minimum amount required by a utility provider from a recipient, if
 - (a) the utility security deposit is necessary to enable the family unit to obtain or continue to obtain the services of the utility, and
 - (b) the recipient agrees in writing to repay the amount paid under this section.
- (3) The minister may recover the amount of a utility security deposit provided under subsection (2) by deducting \$20 for each calendar month, or a greater amount with the consent of a recipient, from income assistance or hardship assistance provided to or for the family unit starting with the income assistance or hardship assistance provided for the calendar month following the calendar month during which the utility security deposit is paid.

Minister of Employment and Income Assistance

Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section:- Employment and Assistance Act, S.B.C. 2002, c. 40, sections 35 & 36

Other (specify):- oic 873/2002

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