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Request to Intervene

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a Request to Intervene form must be received by the Commission by the deadline included in the proceeding's regulatory timetable. Please provide a completed form to the Commission Secretary at commission.secretary@bcuc.com. If email is unavailable, forms may be mailed to the Commission Secretary at the address above.

Proceeding name	FortisBC Inc. Community Solar Pilot Project Application ~ Project No.1598911	Date	May 9, 2017

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Additional information

Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding.

BCSEA-SCBC support solar power and small-scale distributed generation such as occurs under the FBC net metering program. Net metering "provides customers with the means to take responsibility for their own production and to lower their environmental impact." [Order G-26-04 Reasons For Decision, p.1] Not all customers have the means to establish their own on-site generation facility in order to participate in net metering. The proposed community solar program offers an innovative way to make the benefits of net metering more widely available. BCSEA-SCBC want to ensure that the community solar project and rates program are cost-effective, fair and easy to participate in.

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Please state how you are directly or sufficiently affected by the Commission's decision in this matter; or describe your experience, information, or expertise relevant to this matter that would contribute to the Commission's decision making.

BCSEA and SCBC are currently interveners in the Commission's reconsideration of Order G-199-16 regarding FBC's Net Metering program terms and conditions and in the Commission's review of FBC's 2016 Long Term Electricity Resources Plan.

Members of BCSCA and SCBC are ratepayers of FBC. BCSEA-SCBC's interests in this proceeding are as non-profit public interest environmental and energy policy organizations, and as representatives of their members' interests as ratepayers.

BCSEA and SCBC serve on FortisBC's Resource Planning Advisory Group. BCSEA and SCBC also serve on BC Hydro's stakeholder advisory group regarding DSM and on BC Hydro's Technical Advisory Committee regarding the Integrated Resource Plan. In addition, BCSEA and SCBC serve on the Utilities' Conservation Potential Review Technical Advisory Committee.

Please list the key issues you intend to address in the proceeding.

The issues BCSEA-SCBC intend to pursue during the proceeding include:
• Capital expenditures, cost estimates, design, scalability, operations and maintenance,
• Community impact,
• Program elements, rate design, billing mechanism, treatment of virtual power in excess of load by month and annually, transferability, procedures for joining program, procedures for leaving program,
• program marketing,
• reporting, and
• other issues to be determined.

BCSEA-SCBC do not intend to file expert evidence.

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Do you intend to participate fully, including attendance at hearings and submission of evidence or information requests, if applicable?	Yes
Do you intend to request PACA funding? This does not impact your ability to participate.	Yes
Have you or your organization web-registered as an intervener or interested party in the past 12 months?	Yes
If yes, please provide your username	

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