



April 10, 2019

Mr. Patrick Wruck  
Commission Secretary  
British Columbia Utilities Commission  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 900 Howe Street  
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Dear Mr. Wruck:

This is the reply argument of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia, as represented by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (MEMPR), in the second phase of the Inquiry into the Regulation of Electric Vehicle Charging Service (Project No. 1598941).

Based on statements made during final argument, it appears that some interveners may have misinterpreted submissions made by MEMPR during the procedural conference for this phase of the Inquiry. I would like to take this opportunity to confirm that MEMPR is waiting for recommendations from the Panel from this phase of the Inquiry before taking further action to implement its policy objectives expressed during the procedural conference. Some interveners appear to incorrectly believe that MEMPR has either already taken action to implement its policy objectives<sup>1</sup> or has already decided on a particular course of action<sup>2</sup>.

If you have any questions regarding this submission or require any further information, please contact Shannon Craig at [Shannon.Craig@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shannon.Craig@gov.bc.ca) or 778-698-7016.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> See, for example, page 7, paragraph 3 of [Flintoff Final Argument](#), where Mr. Flintoff suggests that ratepayers are currently being “subjected to indirect taxation by way of an unstated government policy.”

<sup>2</sup> See, for example, page 5, paragraph 2, of [ChargePoint Final Argument](#), which references “government’s clear intent to pass some type of additional regulation.”