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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3
Attn: Patrick Wruck, Commission Secretary
By Web Posting

Dear Sir:

Re: BCUC Inquiry into the Regulation of Electric Vehicle Charging Service ~ Project
No.1598941
Supplementary Submission, B.C. Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club B.C.

In its April 26, 2019 letter to the parties, the Inquiry Panel provided an opportunity for interveners to make a supplementary submission by May 3, 2019 if they were under the impression that MEMPR had set certain policy objectives or course of action at the time of filing their final and reply arguments.

In their March 28, 2019 final argument,¹ BCSEA-SCBC expressed their understanding of the MEMPR's stated position and its impact on the Inquiry Panel's determinations in the following terms:

In the March 6 decision, the Inquiry Panel noted that “the Province of BC ‘strongly supports investments in electric vehicle charging services by [the] non-exempt public utilities’ and that ‘it would be appropriate for non-exempt public utilities to recover those costs from ratepayers.’ For that reason, the Panel accepted that “there is a role for non-exempt utilities in providing public EV charging services” and it narrowed the scope of Phase 2 of the Inquiry to the manner in which non-exempt public utilities should participate in providing public EV charging services. The Panel removed scope items relating to whether non-exempt public utilities should provide EV charging services. In addition, the Panel clarified that “there is no prohibition on non-exempt public utility involvement in the provision of EV charging services and, given the revised scope of this Inquiry, there will be no recommendation otherwise.”²

To be clear, and to restate the view they stated in their submissions in Phase One of the EVCS Inquiry, BCSEA-SCBC strongly support the view that non-exempt public utilities such as BC Hydro and FortisBC Inc. should make investments in electric vehicle charging services and should be allowed to recover any net costs (after revenue from EV drivers) from ratepayers.

BCSEA-SCBC support the Inquiry Panel's statement that “there is a role for non-exempt utilities in providing public EV charging services” and they support the scope of Phase 2 of the Inquiry

¹ https://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Arguments/2019/DOC_53678_2019-03-28-BCSEA-SCBC-FinalArgument-RevisedScope.pdf

² Exhibit A-41, Appendix A, p.12.

being focused on the manner in which non-exempt public utilities should participate in providing public EV charging services.

Beyond that, BCSEA-SCBC endorse their March 28, 2019 submissions.

Yours truly,

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