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STATEMENT – BCUC Continues Adjournment of Municipal Energy Utilities Inquiry

VANCOUVER – In March 2020, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) adjourned its inquiry into the regulation of municipal energy utilities by Order [G-56-20](#), as communities in British Columbia (BC) responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As BC is now entering the later phases of the BC Restart Plan, the BCUC reached out to the interveners involved in the Inquiry about a potential restart date. Based on the feedback received, the BCUC has decided to keep the Inquiry adjourned, with the intention of restarting the process in 2021.

The Inquiry will provide important clarity to the BCUC, utilities, and municipalities regarding the appropriate level of regulation for energy utilities affiliated with a municipality or regional district. While the topic of the Inquiry is important and will provide benefits to those involved and affected by it, the BCUC recognizes the pandemic has caused constraints which impact the ability of interveners, particularly municipalities, to fully participate in the Inquiry at this time. As intervenors play a vital role in the process, the Inquiry will remain adjourned until 2021.

Further information about the Inquiry is available on our [proceeding page](#).

About the BCUC

The BCUC is a regulatory agency responsible for oversight of energy utilities and compulsory auto insurance in British Columbia. It is the BCUC's role to balance the interests of customers with the interests of the businesses it regulates. The BCUC carries out fair and transparent reviews of matters within its jurisdiction and considers public input where public interest is impacted.

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