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Our File: 7800.911

Dear Mr. Wruck,

**Re: Parkland Corporation - Request for Advance Ruling on
Confidentiality for Fuel Price Transparency Act Reporting
Submissions
BCOAPO Registration and Request to attend SRP Remotely**

Please be advised that we continue to represent the BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, Disability Alliance BC, Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre, and Together Against Poverty Society, known collectively in this process as "BCOAPO et al.". Our clients are community-based organizations that serve a diverse group of more than 100,000 British Columbians throughout the province including many who use vehicles, either as owner/operators or as passengers. As such, our clients have intervened in this proceeding to advocate on behalf of those whose transportation costs are affected, directly or indirectly (in the case of those who travel as paying passengers) by the cost of fuel and the issues at the heart of this regulatory review.

Please accept this letter as further confirmation of our previously expressed intention to attend the workshops scheduled for the coming two weeks: Thursday August 5 and August 12, 2021. We also take this opportunity to request that both Ms. Barham and I be permitted to attend remotely, albeit for very different reasons. Ms. Barham has, very recently, begun work filling a term position at BCPIAC and she does so from her current home in Calgary, AB. In my view, her employment is so new that a cost-benefit analysis of the situation dictates against incurring the increased regulatory costs of air travel, hotel, etc. for her for her to attend these workshops, particularly as they are taking place on two days one week apart. This is mainly, we expect, an opportunity for her to observe and learn so, we are requesting that her remote participation be permitted in this case. I can advise that I will engage with the Commission Secretary in the near future to discuss any further instances where the remote versus in person attendance question may arise to arrive at a solution.

And, although I intend to attend in person, I am also requesting permission to attend remotely myself in case I should I find that there is reason not to attend (i.e. symptoms of illness or possible illness arising in the interim, etc.). Should any such situation arise, I

will advise the Commission immediately of the change in my currently planned “in person” attendance to a remote one.

I can also advise that we have received and reviewed the questions the Commission circulated to participants (Exhibit A-12) and we will prepare answers for those in advance of the Workshops.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,
BC PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE

Original on file signed by:

Leigha Worth
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