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**Proceeding name:** BCUC Regulation of Electric Vehicle Charging Service Inquiry

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**Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:**

The Province is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector through a variety of initiatives. The British Columbia Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation was introduced to reduce BC's reliance on non-renewable fuels, help reduce the environmental impact of transportation fuels

and contribute to a new low-carbon economy. The Province's Clean Energy Vehicle Program is intended to encourage and accelerate the adoption of zero emission vehicles in BC, for both their environmental and economic benefits. Through this Program, the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources is also working in partnership with utilities, local governments and other stakeholders to deploy EV charging services across the province to promote the uptake of zero emission vehicles. To facilitate growth in EV charging services, the Ministry is considering how the regulatory burden and cost associated with providing EV charging can be reduced while protecting the interests of ratepayers and consumers, and addressing safety and other considerations.

**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:**

The answers to many of the questions identified by the Commission in its preliminary inquiry scope will be directly relevant to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources in its efforts to promote the uptake of zero emission vehicles in BC. The Ministry is also interested in any recommendations and advice from the Commission to government on the impact of charging infrastructure in increasing the number of zero emission vehicles in BC. Regulatory requirements, pricing and charging infrastructure may all have an impact on the number of zero emission vehicles on BC roads.

**Please list the key issues you intend to address in the proceeding:**

The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources intends to present information on a variety of topics, including the Province's current policies and strategies related to zero emission vehicles and EV charging and the current role of Provincial agencies in the regulation of EV charging services.

## **For administrative purposes only**

**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:** No

**Have you or your organization web-registered as an intervener or interested party in the past 12 months?:** No

**If yes, please provide your username:**