



*Electrical Contractors Association of British Columbia*

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**Re: Inquiry into the Regulation of Electric Vehicle Charging Service ~ Project No.1598941**

Dear BC Utilities Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this independent inquiry into the regulation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.

The Electrical Contractors Association of British Columbia (ECABC) represents approximately 150 members across the province including open shop and union electrical contractors, line contractors, and associate members – comprised of manufacturers, distributors and technology companies. The members of ECABC are an important part of the construction industry that has built our province.

ECABC members are crucial to British Columbia's electricity system. Our members are involved in every aspect of the grid. Our members supply technology and equipment to construct clean energy projects like wind farms and hydroelectric power plants; build and maintain power lines to transmit electricity to our communities; and ensure our homes, schools and hospitals are safely wired.

Today, more British Columbians than ever before are choosing to purchase electric vehicles. It is incumbent on various levels of government to develop a cohesive plan to add the vital infrastructure that is needed to support the increased use of electric vehicles. Recently, the City of Vancouver passed a new requirement that will ensure there is an EV charging station for every parking space in all new residential buildings in the city.

ECABC supports this Inquiry to resolve the important matter of how to regulate the installation and maintenance of this important public infrastructure. On behalf of our members, ECABC wants to reinforce the importance of requiring the installation and maintenance of EV charging stations is done exclusively by appropriately trained and qualified journeyman electricians. This ensures the safety and reliability of all EV charging stations.

Thank you for considering our submission. We look forward to participating in future processes related to any regulation of EV charging stations to ensure that this work is done only by appropriately trained professionals.

Thank you,

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