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Proceeding name: BC Hydro Rate for Boralex LP Electricity Service

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Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:

Zone IB Ratepayers Group comprises Heiltsuk Tribal Council in Bella Bella and Shearwater Marine Ltd. on Denny Island. Both parties actively intervened in the three-phase proceeding established to review BC Hydro's 2007 Rate Design Application. One of the outcomes of that proceeding was the Commission directing BC

Hydro to establish a new Rate Zone IB (formerly the Bella Bella zone of the Non-Integrated Areas Zone II). Heiltsuk Tribal Council and Shearwater Marine Ltd. are intervening in this proceeding to ensure that the facts that led the Commission to make its determinations in respect of Zone IB in the 2007 RDA proceeding are understood and applied going forward, as critical context for the Commission's consideration of Boralex LP's rate for electricity service.

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:

Heiltsuk Tribal Council and Shearwater Marine Ltd. together make up or represent essentially the entire customer base in Zone IB. The electricity provided through Boralex's transmission assets from its generation facility in Ocean Falls is sold to BC Hydro, which then resells the electricity exclusively to customers in Denny Island and Bella Bella within Zone IB. It is physically impossible for the the electricity carried on Boralex's transmission line and purchased by BC Hydro to serve any customers outside of Zone IB. Accordingly, the rate set for BC Hydro to purchase electricity from Boralex pursuant to an Energy Purchase Agreement is expected to be single most important cost driver for determining BC Hydro's cost to serve Zone IB. Thus, the Boralex rate has a clear potential to affect the rates paid by BC Hydro's customers in Zone IB.

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

Zone IB Ratepayers Group intends to address issues including the following: 1. Boralex's capital and maintenance costs for both its generation and transmission assets; 2. Boralex's opportunity costs regarding other actual or potential electricity service customers; 3. the terms of a new Energy Purchase Agreement (EPA) between BC Hydro and Boralex; and 4. The potential impacts of the Boralex rate and a new EPA on the rates for, and quality and reliability of, BC Hydro's electricity service to its customers in Zone IB.

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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: Yes

Have you or your organization web-registered as an intervener or interested party in the past 12 months?: Yes

If yes, please provide your username: