

Date Submitted: March 22, 2019

Proceeding name: BCUC Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry

Participant contact information

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For organizations only - representative contact information

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Also representing (if applicable):

Additional information

Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:

Tzeachten First Nation has been interested in entering into the utility market. As a federally governed entity we believe that the utility commission should not have governance over us. Tzeachten is currently in works with

other bands in creating a power authority to regulate and create a dispute resolution process to ensure the safety of our customers.

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:

Tzeachten is already currently the utility for a specific property on our reserve land and we are wanting to expand that to our entire reserve land. Tzeachten is also recognized as a municipal style government.

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

Tzeachten need this exemption so BC Hydro has the authority to sell bulk power at the commercial rate. Tzeachten is looking at potentially doing a renewable energy source such as wind or solar and we would like to implement the use solely on our land without BCUC regulation.

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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?: No

If yes, please provide your username: