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BCUC INDIGENOUS UTILITIES REGULATION INQUIRY EXHIBIT A-4

**Re: British Columbia Utilities Commission – Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry – Project No. 1598998
Save the Date**

Good Afternoon:

On March 28, 2019, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) established a process and regulatory timetable for its inquiry exploring the regulation of Indigenous utilities in British Columbia. The Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry will explore and seek feedback on a number of important questions, including:

- **What are the characteristics of an “Indigenous Utility”** with respect to:
 - The ownership and operation of the utility;
 - What services are provided;
 - Who the services are provided to; and/or
 - The location or area served by the utility?
- **Should Indigenous utilities be regulated** or not? And if so, how?
 - If they should be regulated, should they be regulated under the *Utilities Commission Act* or another mechanism?
 - If unregulated, how will the interests of indigenous utility customers be protected?

Currently, under the *Utilities Commission Act* most utilities with a connection to an Indigenous community are regulated by the BCUC as public utilities. Some utilities have requested exemptions from existing regulatory requirements. Findings from the BCUC’s Inquiry will be shared with Government as it develops a clear regulatory framework for Indigenous utilities in BC. Additional information on the Inquiry can be found at www.bcuc.com on our “Current Proceedings” page.

Indigenous governments and community members, government, utility owners and operators, and the public are invited to participate in the Inquiry.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- ⚡ **Submit a letter of comment**
- ⚡ **Attend a Community Input Session**
- ⚡ **Register as an interested party**
- ⚡ **Request intervenor status**

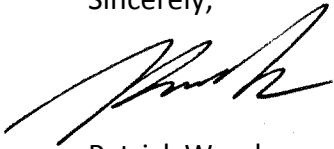
The deadline to register as an intervenor and submit written evidence to the BCUC is **Monday, July 15, 2019**.

SAVE THE DATE - COMMUNITY INPUT SESSIONS

- ⚡ June 3, 2019 – Cranbrook
- ⚡ June 5, 2019 – Kelowna
- ⚡ June 6, 2019 – Kamloops
- ⚡ June 7, 2019 – Williams Lake
- ⚡ June 10, 2019 – Prince Rupert
- ⚡ June 12, 2019 – Vancouver
- ⚡ June 25, 2019 – Fort St John
- ⚡ June 27, 2019 – Prince George
- ⚡ July 3, 2019 – Campbell River
- ⚡ July 4, 2019 – Victoria

For more information on getting involved, please visit our website (www.bcuc.com/get-involved) or contact us at the information below. More information about our Community Input Sessions will follow in May 2019.

Sincerely,



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