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BCUC INDIGENOUS UTILITIES REGULATION INQUIRY EXHIBIT A-10
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**Re: British Columbia Utilities Commission – Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry – Project No. 1598998
Capacity Funding Framework for Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry Participants**

The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) is pleased to offer capacity funding assistance to Indigenous peoples who participate in our Community Input Sessions for the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry (Inquiry). Funding assistance is available to offset the cost of participating in a Community Input Session through recovering a portion of travel, or time and preparation expenses. Each participant (or participant group) is eligible for up to a maximum of \$5,000 in funding for participation in a Community Input Session.

Who can apply?

All Indigenous peoples, organizations, groups and communities that are not registered interveners* are eligible to apply for capacity funding if they participate and make a presentation to the Inquiry Panel at a Community Input Session, including:

- Indigenous community members;
- an Indigenous group or collective coordinating more than one Indigenous group; and,
- an incorporated or registered Indigenous non-profit organization, such as a band council, association, co-operative or institution.

*Note: The BCUC seeks written submissions addressing the matters being considered in the Inquiry from registered interveners by July 15, 2019. Registered interveners are eligible to apply for Participant Assistance/Cost Awards (PACA).¹ PACA funding is a separate process that provides support for costs incurred throughout the Inquiry, and applications for PACA funding can be made at the conclusion of the Inquiry. To register as an intervener please visit our website to complete a [Request to Intervene form](#).²

Eligible activities

All parties who wish to receive capacity funding, must be on-record as having made a presentation to the Inquiry Panel at a Community Input Session. Activities that are considered eligible for capacity funding include:

- Travel and participation expenses associated with participating in a BCUC Community Input Session for the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry;
- Outreach activities to gather the views or knowledge of a community, organization or group;

¹ Please see the PACA Guidelines for more information:

<https://www.ordersdecisions.bcuc.com/bcuc/orders/en/232028/1/document.do>

² <https://www.bcuc.com/forms/request-to-intervene.aspx>

- Preparation of oral submissions and/or letters of comment relevant to the scope³ of the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry, that represent the views of an Indigenous person, organization, group, or community;
- Review of documents related to the Indigenous Utilities Inquiry in advance of participating in a BCUC Community Input Session; and
- Professional services to support the above-listed activities.

How will funding be allocated?

Funding decisions related to applicants' participation in a Community Input Session will be based on the eligibility criteria listed above and reasonableness of costs, as determined by the Inquiry Panel. The amount of funding available per successful applicant will depend on:

- the relevance of the submission to the scope of the Inquiry, as assessed by the Inquiry Panel;
- the nature of the costs that are required to participate;
- whether the submission is being made on behalf of a group or individual; and
- the total number of groups and/or people who require funding.

The maximum amount of capacity funding available is \$5,000 per applicant or group. Applicants will not be eligible for funding for travel and preparation costs for multiple Community Input Sessions.

Note: Even if all criteria are met, the amount of funding applied for is not guaranteed.

How to Apply?

Applications will be accepted following each Community Input Session. Applicants must:

- Complete the attached application form; and
- Submit the completed application form to Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com

The deadline to apply for funding is **Thursday, August 1, 2019**.

How will funds be awarded?

When a decision on funding has been approved, the applicant will be notified by the BCUC in writing of the funding award, and subsequently contacted to finalize arrangements for the reimbursement of funds. The BCUC will notify applicants in writing of their funding award on or before August 30, 2019 and provide information to finalize arrangement for the reimbursement of funds. Typically, funding award payments will be mailed to the mailing address provided on the application form.

Additional Questions:

If you require any additional support and/or have questions, please contact us through email at Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com or by phone at 604 660 4700.

³ See Appendix A of Exhibit A-5:
https://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Proceedings/2019/DOC_53982_A-5-Additional-Scope-Questions.pdf

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Patrick Wruck
Commission Secretary

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**Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry
Capacity Funding Assistance for Community Input Sessions
Application Form**

Please file the completed form through email to commission.secretary@bcuc.com, or via mail, courier, or personal delivery to the Commission Secretary, Suite 410, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3, no later than Thursday, August 1, 2019.

Community Input Session attended (location and date)		Date of application	
For individuals only – contact information			
First Name			
Middle Name			
Last Name			
Member of First Nation(s)			
Email		Phone number	
Address City, Province Postal Code			
For organizations only - Representative contact information			
Organization Name			
Registered Business Name			
Contact Person Name			
Address			
GST Number			
Email		Phone number	
Please summarize below any other communities, groups organizations represented (if applicable)			
Relevance to the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry			
Please confirm that the applicant made a presentation to the BCUC Panel. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Please briefly explain how the individual, organization or group (as applicable) may be affected by the outcome of this Inquiry.			

Please briefly explain how the presentation addressed questions related to the Inquiry scope.⁴

Activities Requiring Funding

In the table below, please provide information about each activity for which the applicant is requesting funding.

Type of activity (travel/ outreach/ preparation/ professional services/ other)	Description of activity, including how costs were calculated, and why funding was needed to participate	Cost (Please attach receipts where applicable)

⁴ See Appendix A of Exhibit A-5:
https://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Proceedings/2019/DOC_53982_A-5-Additional-Scope-Questions.pdf

TOTAL FUNDING APPLIED FOR		