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**Proceeding name:** BCUC Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry

## **Participant contact information**

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**Also representing (if applicable):**

## **Additional information**

**Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:**

To protect the interests of the WFN and the membership and to influence the outcome.

**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:**

The WFN and Canada entered into the Westbank First Nation Self-Government Agreement on October 3, 2003. The Westbank First Nation Self-Government Agreement was approved and given the force of law by the Westbank First Nation Self Government Act. As a Self Governing First Nation in British Columbia that passes and enforces Westbank Laws, consultation on such initiatives is required. Our government is taking steps towards becoming more energy efficient and reducing costs. Initiatives in the energy sector will generate employment and training opportunities for our membership and reduce our overall environmental footprint.

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

Interested to hear what the Federal Government's take on this initiative is? Looking for new ways to engage in the energy sector, via, operating a utility on-reserve, delivering energy to our membership and the non-member residents that reside on our Lands.

**For administrative purposes only**

**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:**