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Proceeding name: BCUC Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry

Participant contact information

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Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:

It is the opinion of the above First Nations and organizations that the B.C. Utilities Commission ("BCUC") does not have regulatory jurisdiction under the Utilities Commission Act (B.C.) ("UCA") to regulate "public utilities", as this term is defined in the UCA, on reserve lands. In addition First Nations should have the same status as municipalities under the

UCA. And such other matters as they may advise.

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:

BCUC regulation of public utilities on reserve lands is discriminatory, i.e. municipalities are not so regulated, is not consistent with reconciliation and a financial impediment to the operation of these utilities.

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

BCUC jurisdiction, discrimination, First Nation Land Codes, reconciliation and such other matters as may be appropriate.

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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: