

**Date Submitted:** June 27, 2019

**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:**

Foothills First Nation has largely been left out of any and all consultation on our traditional territory. We are also not being supplied by any utilities in our community, Gas or Electricity. Foothills First Nation is interested in entering into the utility market. As a group that has not signed into treaty we still have inherent right to the land.

**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:**

Foothills First Nation would like to the opportunity to engage in a process that would directly impact our indigenous rights to the land and how our remote community has been affected and how it is currently being affected by historic agreements and current agreements.

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

How are the issues of indigenous peoples being addressed? What are solutions that would increase the partnerships with indigenous communities so that their aboriginal title and rights are being considered? What are the cumulative effects of BCUC projects in relation to all projects on the land? What investments can be made so that indigenous communities are being compensated for loss of traditional way of life? What is the model of meaningful consolation where our concerns are validated and action items are created to mitigate those concerns? What does a meaningful partnerships look like so that our communities can rise from poverty? How does a model of being part of the decision making process look like?

## **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:**