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Proceeding name: BCUC Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry

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Additional information

Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:

The Heiltsuk Tribal Council represents the residents of the community of Bella Bella British Columbia, which is designated as part of Zone 1B in BC Hydro's Non Integrated Area (NIA) service territory. The Heiltsuk Tribal Council has participated in several BCUC proceedings, including the review of the BC Hydro Rate Design Application that ultimately resulted in the creation of the new Zone 1B.

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:

Bella Bella residents currently rely primarily on electricity generated at the Boralex facility at Ocen Falls, British Columbia. The rate design of the Boralex facility is the subject of a pending application to the BCUC so there is some uncertainty regarding the cost and perhaps other issues related to that service. Back-up electrical service is provided by diesel generators in Zone 1B, but use of that equipment is discouraged by cost and environmental and other considerations. Those circumstances create a possibility that a local utility may be needed and could involve Heiltsuk Nation ownership or operation and other generation technology and equipment.

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

The Heiltsuk Tribal Council will consider how the evidence in the Inquiry relates to the unique circumstances of electrical generation in Zone 1B what generation options may make the most sense for Bella Bella going forward.

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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?: Yes

If yes, please provide your username: WLCprofile