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**Proceeding name:** BCUC Municipal Energy Utilities Inquiry

## **Participant contact information**

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## **Additional information**

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

The BC~MEU includes the municipal electric utilities operated by the Cities of Nelson, Penticton, Grand Forks, New Westminster and Summerland. The Inquiry states that it will explore issues related to ownership structures and operational arrangements of utilities affiliated with municipalities, including their regulatory status under the Utilities

Commission Act. Accordingly, BC~MEU intervenes because these issues are directly related to the regulatory framework in which its members operate.

**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:**

BC~MEU is made up of members that are the focus of the Commission's inquiry (i.e. energy utilities affiliated with municipalities). Accordingly, the Commission's decisions on matters such as ownership structure and operational arrangements, as well the definition of "public utility", directly impact the members of BC~MEU. Furthermore, the members are well positioned to comment and offer expertise on the issues identified in the Inquiry.

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

The BC~MEU will address issues related to: ownership structure and operational arrangement of energy utilities affiliated with municipalities as well as the general regulatory framework for "public utilities."

## **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?:** Yes

**If yes, please provide your username:** NelsonHydro