

September 10, 2019

Mr. Patrick Wruck
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**Re: British Columbia Utilities Commission –
Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry
Written Evidence of Coastal First Nations-Great Bear Initiative**

Dear Mr. Wruck:

Please find attached our response to Canadian Geothermal Energy Association of British Columbia Information Request No. 1 in the referenced matter.

Sincerely,

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COASTAL FIRST NATIONS-GREAT BEAR INITIATIVE SOCIETY

**Response to Information Request No. 1 from
The Canadian Geothermal Association (CanGEA)**

**British Columbia Utilities Commission Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry
Proceeding No. 1598998**

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- (a) CanGEA's BC Provincial Geothermal Resource Map indicates that the (sic) several members of the CFN-GBI are in an area of moderate-to-high geothermal potential – have any of CFN-GBI's members previously investigated their geothermal potential?**

CFN respectfully suggests that this question raises matters of commercial confidentiality and is, in any event, tangential to the substance of CFN's evidence. As such, CFN declines to answer the question.

- (b) Is the CFN-GBI aware of any regulatory barriers, that have been raised in this Inquiry, that exist with regard to developing geothermal heat and or electric utilities in BC.**

CFN is not aware of any regulatory barriers that are within the scope of this Inquiry and that are unique to geothermal development.

CFN has raised in its evidence a number of suggestions that could, if implemented, enhance the general attractiveness and viability of Indigenous utilities. By extension, some of these changes could lower barriers to developing geothermal power, in the same way they could enhance opportunities for Indigenous Nations/Bands to develop other generation technologies and wires infrastructure.