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Proceeding name: BCUC Municipal Energy Utilities Inquiry

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Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:

The inquiry was initiated in response to an Exemption request from GVS&DD (Metro Vancouver). This inquiry could affect the project for which we requested the Exemption, as well as other potential future projects.

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:

The inquiry was initiated in response to an Exemption request from GVS&DD (Metro Vancouver). This inquiry could affect the project for which we requested the Exemption, as well as other potential future projects. We as a regional district are a provider of new, renewable sources of energy, and have relevant expertise. We may choose to establish one or more energy utilities in the future, so could be affected by this matter.

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

We intend to raise the following issues: 1. Clarification of the nature of acceptable partnerships or other arrangements by municipalities or regional districts in the provision of energy utility services. 2. Clarification of the definition of a public utility, with respect to "services provided by the municipality or regional district within its own boundaries", as concerns necessary supporting infrastructure outside boundaries. 3. Discussion of how best to improve regulatory structure with respect to providers of new energy sources, to avoid lengthy and expensive exemption proceedings. The current definition of energy in Part 5 does not include new energy sources. New energy providers should not be subject to regulation; only the contracts for energy sale to regulated utilities should be in BCUC's purview.

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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: No

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: