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Proceeding name: BCUC Municipal Energy Utilities Inquiry

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Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:

BCSEA is a registered charity and a non-profit association of citizens, professionals and practitioners committed to promoting the understanding, development and adoption of sustainable energy, energy efficiency and energy conservation in British Columbia. BCSEA supports the province's transition to a lower-carbon economy. BCSEA has four chapters across B.C. and approximately three hundred individual and organizational members (including businesses,

NGOs, community organizations, local governments). Many of BCSEA’s members are ratepayers of one or more of BC’s energy public utilities. BCSEA represents individuals and organizations in BC who care about energy sustainability and climate change mitigation, and who want the energy they purchase and use to be sustainably produced and transported.

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:

Members of BCSEA are ratepayers of BC Hydro, FortisBC Energy Inc. (natural gas), FortisBC (electric), other regulated public utilities, and municipal energy utilities. BCSEA’s interests in this proceeding are as a non-profit public interest energy policy organization, and as a representative of its members’ interests as ratepayers. BCSEA has a strong interest in district energy systems that can provide zero-carbon space and water heating solutions. BCSEA has expertise in the regulatory aspects of district energy systems through its active participation in the Commission’s Alternative Energy Services Inquiry and in proceedings regarding specific DES projects and rates such as Delta School District, River District Energy, Burnaby Mountain DEU, Corix UBC DES, Creative Energy TES, FAES Telus Garden TES, FAES Marine Gateway TES, and FAES Kelowna DES. BCSEA has expertise in the regulatory aspects of exemption and exclusion from regulation under the UCA, through its active participation in the Commission’s recent Inquiry into the Regulation of EV Charging Services. Also, BCSEA is following with interest the Commission’s Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry, although it is not an intervener in that proceeding.

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

The issues BCSEA intends to address in the proceeding include: • GHG emissions reductions, policies, mandates, opportunities, • ratepayer interests regarding rates and low-carbon energy services, • regulatory oversight, ratepayer protection mechanisms, • definition of “public utility” and definition of “municipality or regional district,” • regulatory options, and • other issues to be determined.

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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: BCSEA-SCBC