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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 City of Surrey ("Surrey") currently owns and operates a district energy utility that is wholly owned by Surrey and entirely within the boundaries of Surrey. The district energy utility is located in the City Centre area and Surrey has plans to expand it to one of the largest in the province. Surrey is interested in understanding the parameters of regulating such utilities and in proceedings that may directly affect Surrey's management of its utility. Surrey is interested in taking

part in the inquiry to ensure that any regulation is workable and in the best interests of Surrey's residents and businesses.

**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:**

Surrey is the second largest municipality in British Columbia by population and the largest in Metro Vancouver by land area. Any decision by the Commission touching on the issues raised by the inquiry—such as ownership and operation of energy utilities, the definition of "public utility", and exemptions offered to local governments—would have a direct impact on Surrey, a large number of residents within the province, and Surrey's sustainability goals. Surrey is experienced in owning and operating its own district energy utility and has done so for 5 years. It is well placed to comment and provide information and expertise to the Commission's decisions.

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

The issues sought to be addressed by Surrey include, but are not limited to the following: ownership and operation of a utility directly or indirectly by a local government; the definition of "public utility"; and the circumstances under which exemptions may be offered to local governments regarding their energy 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?:** No

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