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Commission Secretary
British Columbia Utilities Commission
900 Howe Street
Suite 410
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

Re: Letter of Comment to the British Columbia Utilities Commission

Dear Sir,

The district energy utility services provided by the University of British Columbia (UBC) through its operation department, Energy and Water Services (EWS) presently are limited to UBC's Vancouver Campus. UBC has been operating a district energy system since 1924. UBC no longer operates a steam district energy system, but in 2017 UBC replaced the steam system with a hot water district energy system. In conducting this inquiry, UBC would ask to affirm our interpretation that Universities like UBC be given the same consideration for exclusion from the definition of "public utility" from the Utilities Commission Act, as other municipalities and regional district energy systems.

This Inquiry and the Inquiry Report contemplated by this proceeding may negatively impact UBC by potentially making findings and/or recommendations that affect the manner UBC, through EWS, provides district energy utility services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Woodson', written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

David Woodson
Managing Director
Energy and Water Services
Facilities Group

cc: John Metras, Associate Vice-President, Facilities Group