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<b>BCUC INDIGENOUS UTILITIES REGULATION INQUIRY EXHIBIT A-44</b>
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**Re: British Columbia Utilities Commission – Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry – Project No. 1598998  
Capacity Funding Framework for Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry Participants**

The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) is pleased to offer capacity funding assistance to Indigenous peoples who participate in our Draft Report Workshops (Workshops) for the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry (Inquiry). Funding assistance is available to offset the cost of participating in a Workshop through recovering a portion of travel, or time and preparation expenses. Each participant (or participant group) is eligible for up to a maximum of \$5,000 in funding for participation in a Workshop.

### **Who can apply?**

All Indigenous peoples, organizations, groups and communities that are not registered interveners are eligible to apply for capacity funding if they participate in a Workshop, including:

- Indigenous community members;
- an Indigenous group or collective coordinating more than one Indigenous group; and,
- an incorporated or registered Indigenous non-profit organization, such as a band council, association, co-operative or institution.

### **Eligible activities**

Activities that are considered eligible for capacity funding include:

- Travel and participation expenses associated with participating in a BCUC Workshop for the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry;
- Outreach activities to gather the views or knowledge of a community, organization or group;
- Preparation for participating in a BCUC workshop, including review of documents related to the Indigenous Utilities Inquiry; and
- Professional services to support the above-listed activities.

### **How will funding be allocated?**

Funding decisions related to applicants' participation in a Workshop will be based on the eligibility criteria listed above and reasonableness of costs, as determined by the Inquiry Panel. The amount of funding available per successful applicant will depend on:

- the nature of the costs that are required to participate; and
- the total number of groups and/or people who require funding.

The maximum amount of capacity funding available is \$5,000 per applicant or group. Applicants will not be eligible for funding for travel and preparation costs for multiple Workshops.

Note: Even if all criteria are met, the amount of funding applied for is not guaranteed.

### **How to Apply?**

Applications will be accepted following each Workshop. Applicants must:

- Complete the attached application form; and
- Submit the completed application form to [Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com](mailto:Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com)

The deadline to apply for funding is **February 17, 2020**.

### **How will funds be awarded?**

The BCUC will notify applicants in writing of their funding award on or before February 17, 2020 and provide information to finalize arrangement for the reimbursement of funds. Typically, the BCUC sends the payment to the mailing address provided on the application form.

### **Additional Questions:**

If you require any additional support and/or have questions, please contact us through email at [Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com](mailto:Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com) or by phone at 604 660 4700.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

Patrick Wruck  
Commission Secretary

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**Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry  
Capacity Funding Assistance for Workshop  
Application Form**

Please file the completed form through email to [commission.secretary@bcuc.com](mailto:commission.secretary@bcuc.com), or via mail, courier, or personal delivery to the Commission Secretary, Suite 410, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3, no later than **Monday, February 17, 2020**.

<b>Workshop attended (location and date)</b>		<b>Date of application</b>	
<b>For individuals only – contact information</b>			
First Name			
Middle Name			
Last Name			
Member of First Nation(s)			
Email		Phone number	
Address City, Province Postal Code			
<b>For organizations only - Representative contact information</b>			
Organization Name			
Registered Business Name			
Contact Person Name			
Address			
GST Number			
Email		Phone number	
Please summarize below any other communities, groups organizations represented (if applicable)			
<b>Relevance to the Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry</b>			
Please confirm that the applicant participated in the Workshop.      Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Please briefly explain how the individual, organization or group (as applicable) may be affected by the outcome of this Inquiry.			

**Activities Requiring Funding**

In the table below, please provide information about each activity for which the applicant is requesting funding.

<b>Type of activity</b> (travel/ outreach/ preparation/ professional services/ other)	<b>Description of activity, including how costs were calculated, and why funding was needed to participate</b>	<b>Cost</b> (Please attach receipts where applicable)
<b>TOTAL FUNDING APPLIED FOR</b>		