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Dear Mr. Wruck and Ms. Tresoglavic,

**Re: Corix Multi-Utility Services Inc. - Dockside Green Energy - Variable Energy Charge and Rate Setting Mechanism Application  
BCOAPO Information Request No. 1**

We represent the BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, Disability Alliance BC, and Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre, known collectively in Corix regulatory processes as "BCOAPO et al." ("BCOAPO").

Enclosed please find the BCOAPO's Information Request No. 1 with respect to the above-noted Application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,  
**BC PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE**

*Original on file signed by*  
Leigha Worth

Executive Director | General Counsel

**REQUESTOR NAME:** BCOAPO *et al.*  
**INFORMATION REQUEST ROUND NO:** #1  
**TO:** Corix Multi-Utility Services (“Corix”)  
**DATE:** June 1, 2020  
**APPLICATION NAME:** Dockside Green Energy (“DGE”) Application regarding the Variable Energy Charge and a Rate Setting Mechanism

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**1.0 Reference: Exhibit B-1, Section 3, ECRA Trigger Ratio and Minimum Change Threshold**

- 1.1 Can Corix confirm that any variances in the numerator of the ECRA Ratio, 12 mth Forecast Variable Energy Charge Revenue, from 12 mth Actual Variable Energy Charge Revenue, will be due to variances of actual from forecasted energy consumption alone? If not, please explain.
- 1.2 Historically, how accurate have Corix’ 12-month forecasts of energy revenue been relative to actual revenue realized? In addition to any narrative, please provide a table with the forecasts versus actuals to support for your response.
- 1.3 Can Corix confirm that any variances in the first term in the denominator of the ECRA Ratio, 12 mth Forecast Energy Costs, from 12 mth Actual Energy Costs, will be due to variances in volumes delivered alone, or are variances in energy costs (\$/GJ or \$/kWh) also subject to forecast error?
- 1.4 Historically, how accurate have Corix’ 12-month forecasts of energy costs been relative to actual energy costs? Please provide a table using the same time period used in the Utility’s response to 1.2 contrasting forecast versus actuals as part of the support for your response in addition to any narrative you may wish to provide.
- 1.5 Corix has proposed that both the trigger ratio and the minimum charge threshold be pierced in order to trigger an application to change the Variable Energy Charge. Is it possible, theoretically, that either customer energy debit balances or customer energy debit balances could increase significantly under the proposed mechanism and yet not trigger an application due to the fact that at any time, only one of the two (trigger ratio/minimum charge threshold) had been pierced? Could a situation in which first the trigger is pierced but the minimum charge has not been pierced, followed by a situation in which the trigger is not pierced but the minimum charge threshold has been result in this outcome?
- 1.6 Is it possible to “game” the ECRA ratio such that by adjusting the 12 mth forecasts used in the ratio, the trigger ratio would be breached when it otherwise not have been or, alternatively, the trigger is breached when it would not have otherwise been?

- 1.7** Please provide a description of the forecast methodology used by Corix for the 12 mth forecasts in the numerator and the denominator of the ECRA Ratio.