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To: Commission, Secretary
Subject: Request to Intervene

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Proceeding name: BCUC Inquiry into the Regulation of Safety

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Additional information

Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:

IRG members comprise fruit, vegetable and forage crop producers in the interior region of British Columbia. Their operations depend upon reliable electrical service from FortisBC to power the pumps required for irrigation. Given their specialized equipment and connections to FortisBC's electric system in relatively remote rural areas, they are directly and materially affected by safety issues related to FortisBC's operation of electrical equipment and system components.

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:

IRG has actively intervened in a number of the BCUC proceedings to review FortisBC applications. IRG members have knowledge, information, experience and expertise related to the particular needs, demands and practices related to the use of irrigation equipment and connected electric pumps. In light of their regular and frequent use of such equipment any related safety issues are of great concern.

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

IRG intends to address any safety issues that pertain to or could have an impact on FortisBC's operations and equipment or their needs as Irrigation electricity customers.

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?: Yes

If yes, please provide your username: [REDACTED]