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British Columbia Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3
Attn: Marija Tresoglavic, Acting Commission Secretary
By Web Posting

Dear Madam:

Re: FortisBC Inc. Rate Design and Rates for Electric Vehicle Direct Current Fast Charging Service Application, BCUC Project No. 1598940
BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) and Vancouver Electric Vehicle Association (VEVA)
Request for opportunity to file intervener evidence

I represent the interveners BCSEA and VEVA in this proceeding. I am writing to ask for an opportunity for BCSEA-VEVA to file intervener evidence. I will first describe the evidence BCSEA-VEVA has in mind. In the second section, I will address the regulatory details.

A. The intended evidence

1. The focus of the evidence would be on accessibility regarding FBC's existing and proposed public EV fast-charging stations.
2. The evidence would be authored by Mr. Jacques Courteau. Mr. Courteau is well qualified to provide this evidence. He is an EV driver and retired lawyer who has extensive expertise in disability/accessibility issues. He recently provided input to BC Hydro that is reflected in the accessibility sections of BC Hydro's September 2020 document "EV Fast Charging: Design & Operational Guidelines For Public DCFC Stations In British Columbia"¹ (*Guidelines*). Mr. Courteau's CV is attached for reference.
3. It is expected that the gist of Mr. Courteau's evidence will be as follows:
 - a. EVs offer a major new mobility opportunity for disabled persons. A crucial prerequisite is that public fast-charging stations be fully accessible. Now, during the initial roll-out of FBC's public fast-charging stations, is an important time to pay attention to accessibility. BC Hydro has recently issued *Guidelines* that address accessibility a public charging stations, among other things.
 - b. FBC has endeavored to include accessibility factors in the design and implementation of its public fast-charging stations. However, the evidence indicates room for improvement in the accessibility of FBC's existing stations and

¹ <https://www.bchydro.com/content/dam/BCHydro/customer-portal/documents/power-smart/electric-vehicles/BCHydro-EV-Fast-Charging-Guidelines.pdf>

proposed new stations. Mr. Courteau will provide examples, using the BC Hydro *Guidelines* and his own experience as a reference.

4. On the basis of Mr. Courteau's evidence, BCSEA-VEVA expect to argue that:
 - a. Accessibility is an important element of service quality when a public utility provides public fast-charging service.
 - b. At its Annual Reviews under the Multiyear Rate Plan,² FBC should report on its progress, status and plans regarding accessibility of its public fast-charging stations.
5. BCSEA-VEVA submit that the proposed evidence regarding accessibility is within the scope of the proceeding. There is a feasible argument that accessibility is a service quality of the public fast-charging service for which FBC seeks rates approval. In addition, measures to achieve accessibility may have cost implications relevant to rates.

B. Regulatory details

1. At this point in the proceeding, FBC has filed its responses to staff and interveners' Information Requests under the existing amended regulatory timetable established by Order G-254-20.³ The status is "further process to be determined." My understanding is that typically the Commission would invite submissions from the parties on the next procedural steps.
2. BCSEA-VEVA would not object to the opportunity to file intervener evidence being made available to all interveners.
3. If the Commission is inclined to receive intervener evidence, the usual procedure would be for the Commission to set deadlines for intervener evidence, for IRs by the Commission and other intervener to the interveners who have filed evidence, and for the interveners who have filed evidence to respond to the IRs.
4. Regarding timing, BCSEA-VEVA would request two weeks' notice before intervener evidence is due, and two weeks to file responses to IRs.

All the above is respectfully submitted.

Yours truly,

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Attachment: Jacques Courteau CV

² FBC contemplates providing forecast costs and revenues associated with EV charging in each Annual Review over the course of the MRP: Exhibit B-5, p.22.

³ Exhibit A-8.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Federal Public Service status: RCMP Civilian Member, Senior Executive, ret'd
Linguistic status: Mother tongue French, fully bilingual French/English EEEE
Professional affiliation: Member, Québec Bar since 1979 (ret'd)

DISABILITY INVOLVEMENT

United Nations 2008-2010: participated in the development of the first ever UN program to train UN managers in disability awareness (UNDP)
RCMP National Champion for Persons with Disabilities, 2009-2014;
City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee (PDAC) 2016-2017, Chair of the Accessible City Sub-committee; 2017-2018: Co-Chair of PDAC; currently member as immediate past-chair for 2019-2020
Member and Chair of City of Vancouver Accessibility Strategy Task Force since 2020
BC Wheelchair Sports organizing committee for International Wheelchair Tennis Tournament 2015 and Canadian National Wheelchair Tennis Tournament 2015
Mentor with Spinal Cord Injury of British Columbia (SCI BC)
Organizing committee for UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebrations for the City of Vancouver, 2015 - 2018

WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2015 to present, Retired

April 2012 to June 2015

Level II Grievance Adjudicator

Final level of review of grievances in the RCMP, exercising final decision-making authority delegated by the Commissioner.

April 2010 to March 2012

Director, Appropriate Officer Representatives (AOR) and Level I Grievance Adjudicator; Managing the prosecution of all serious RCMP Code of Conduct violations; also adjudicator at first level in the RCMP grievance system.

May 2007 to March 2010

Specialized Officer, Office of INTERPOL to the United Nations: working with INTERPOL

to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

April 2004 to April 2007

Director of International Affairs, RCMP; responsible for all RCMP international policing activities (foreign liaison officers, international police peacekeeping missions, international police assistance)

March 2002 to March 2004

RCMP Liaison Officer, Security and Intelligence Secretariat (S&I) at the Privy Council Office, Govt of Canada: RCMP advisor in PCO to the Public Security and Anti-Terrorism Secretariat; also member of PCO equity committee

September 1999 to March 2002

RCMP Executive Development Program: 9-month placements to executive positions at Govt of Canada Public Security and Emergency Preparedness Department, National Security Directorate; Executive member of RCMP Corporate Assets Management Branch; member of BC Lower Mainland RCMP Amalgamation Initiative; Executive member of RCMP National Police Services

November 1997 - August 1999

Senior Advisor, RCMP Strategic Planning and Policy Directorate. RCMP HQ

November 1992 - November 1997

Director, Special Advisory Section, and Acting Officer in Charge, Internal Affairs Branch, RCMP HQ

January 1988 - November 1992

Director, Grievances and Appeals, RCMP External Review Committee

August 1979 - January 1988

Legal Counsel, Dept. of Justice: Crown Prosecutor in Northwest Territories and Yukon, and HQ Legal Services Unit at RCMP.