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## **INFORMATION RELEASE – BCUC Invites Feedback on its Draft Fuel Price Data Confidentiality Framework**

VANCOUVER – On February 8, 2021, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued its [Framework Draft No. 1](#) (Draft Framework) to determine what fuel data, submitted by those in the wholesale and retail fuel industry under the [Fuel Price Transparency Act](#) (FPT Act), should be considered protected information and confidential, and what information can be published.

The BCUC is seeking feedback on its Draft Framework to improve and refine the proposed process and assist the BCUC in making revisions before establishing a final Framework. Feedback can be submitted online through a [letter of comment](#) by Monday, March 8, 2021.

The Draft Framework was developed as part of a public proceeding initiated by an application from Parkland Corporation seeking an advanced ruling on protected data submitted under the FPT Act. To date, the proceeding has included submissions from 18 interveners and 10 letters of comment. The Draft Framework, includes:

- The types of fuel data that are proposed to be protected information and to be kept confidential;
- How the BCUC will determine if publishing protected information is in the public interest and outweighs the potential harm to the party that submitted it; and
- The methods the BCUC could apply to allow protected information to be published.

The BCUC is also hosting two online Information Workshops on Thursday, February 18, 2021 and Monday, February 22, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time, to provide an overview of the Draft Framework and an opportunity to ask questions. To register, please contact [Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com](mailto:Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com). The Information Workshops audio will be live-streamed [here](#) on the Allwest Reporting website.

To view the Draft Framework and for more information on how to submit your feedback, please see the [proceeding page](#) on bcuc.com.

### **Background**

On November 30, 2020, by Order [G-303-20](#), the BCUC announced a public process to establish a framework for the determination of confidentiality and treatment of protected information submitted in accordance with BC's FPT Act. As Administrator of the FPT Act, the BCUC is responsible for collecting fuel data from the wholesale and retail fuel industry in BC and for publishing fuel data to promote market competitiveness and public confidence in the competitiveness of the market.

### **About the BCUC**

The BCUC is an independent regulatory body, responsible for regulating British Columbia's energy utilities, as well as its compulsory automobile insurance rates, and intra-provincial pipelines rates. The BCUC is also responsible for administering BC's *Fuel Price Transparency Act*. It is the BCUC's role to balance the interests of customers with the interests of the businesses it regulates. The BCUC carries out fair and transparent reviews of matters within its jurisdiction and considers public input where public interest is impacted.

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