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INFORMATION RELEASE – BCUC Invites Feedback on its Second Draft of the Fuel Price Data Confidentiality Framework

VANCOUVER – On May 25, 2021, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued its second draft of a [Framework for the Determination of Confidentiality and Treatment of Protected Information](#) (Framework Draft No. 2) as part of its [public proceeding](#) on fuel data confidentiality.

When finalized, the Framework will determine what fuel data, submitted by those in the wholesale and retail fuel industry to the BCUC under the [Fuel Price Transparency Act](#) (FPT Act), will be held confidential and what information can be published. As Administrator of the FPT Act, the BCUC is working to develop a Framework that appropriately balances the responsibility of promoting transparency and market competitiveness, while reducing regulatory burden.

The Framework Draft No. 2 incorporates many of the insights from members of the public and the parties participating in the proceeding that were gathered on the [Framework Draft No. 1](#), including clarification on the scope and purpose of the Framework and modifications to the tools for publishing confidential protected information.

The BCUC is seeking feedback on its [Framework Draft No. 2](#) to assist the BCUC in establishing a final Framework. Feedback can be submitted online through a [letter of comment](#) on or before **Tuesday, June 15, 2021**.

Some of the items the BCUC is seeking feedback on include:

- Clarification on the specific harm and/or public interest in publishing certain fuel data that the BCUC collects, such as the origin of fuel imports, information related to compliance with BC's low carbon fuel standard, and the daily high/low price at retail stations.
- The proposed process for publishing a grouping of confidential protected information or data that has personal identifiers removed.
- The BCUC's proposal to review the status of confidential protected information in two years time.

To view Framework Draft No. 2 and for more information on how to submit your feedback, please see the [proceeding page](#) on bcuc.com.

Background

The BCUC issued its [Framework Draft No. 1](#) on February 8, 2021, which included the types of fuel data that are proposed to be protected and 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.

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-and provincial pipelines rates. The BCUC is also responsible for administering BC's FPT 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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