



To: The Office of the BC Ferries Commissioner
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Attention: Commissioner Stoilen

Re: Invitation to Comment on BC Ferries' Proposal for Electrification of Six Island Class Vessels

The British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) is a multi-sector, multi-disciplinary member-based registered charity that exists to provide education and well-reasoned, policy oriented research, analysis and recommendations on sustainable energy issues and innovations in British Columbia. Our goal is to achieve a 100% renewable British Columbia.

In order to reach the greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals mandated by CleanBC and by the Paris Climate Accords we must reduce all unnecessary GHG emissions in BC as quickly as possible. Due to the almost completely carbon free generation of electricity in BC, BCSEA supports electrification wherever applicable as an efficient and quick way to completely eliminate GHG emissions. We have also believed for a number of years that the electrification of ferries on BC Ferries' Island Class routes is both technically and financially feasible. We therefore welcome BC Ferries' proposal to electrify it's six Island Class vessels and strongly support the application.

Sincerely,

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