Annual Report regarding the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024
(the “Reporting Period”)

What is the Public Interest Disclosure Act?

The *Public Interest Disclosure Act* (“**PIDA**”) is legislation that supports ethical and accountable practices by providing a framework for public sector employees to report serious wrongdoing and providing them with protection from reprisal. The types of wrongdoing that can be reported under PIDA include:

* A serious act or omission that constitutes an offence under an enactment in BC or Canada;
* An act or omission giving rise to a substantial and specific danger to the life, health or safety of persons, or to the environment;
* A serious misuse of public funds or public assets; and
* Gross or systemic mismanagement.

The British Columbia Energy Regulator (the “**Regulator**”) became subject to PIDA on April 1, 2022. Under section 38 of PIDA, the Regulator is responsible for issuing this annual report on any disclosures that it received under PIDA within the year.

PIDA Reporting

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| Measure | Reporting Period |
| 1. Number of Disclosures / Referrals Received:
 | 0 |
| 1. Number of Disclosures Acted On / Not Acted On:
 | N/A |
| * 1. No. of Disclosures Acted on:
 | N/A |
| * 1. No. of Disclosures Not Acted on:
 | N/A |
| 1. Number of Disclosures Investigated by the Regulator in accordance with PIDA Procedures:
 | N/A |
| 1. Number of Disclosures giving rise to a Finding of Wrongdoing under PIDA:
 | N/A |

1. Nature of Findings of Wrongdoing and Related Recommendations and Actions in the Reporting Period:

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| Nature of Finding of Wrongdoing | Recommendations | Corrective Action Taken or Reasons why Corrective Action Not Taken |
| N/A | N/A | N/A |

For privacy reasons, the findings and recommendations in the above Table are provided in summary form.

Definitions

Words and expressions used but not defined in this report have the same meanings as in the [*Public Interest Disclosure Act*](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/18022).

**Referrals Received** includes referrals from the Ombudsperson of British Columbia and other government bodies.

**Not Acted On** includes those disclosures the Regulator declined to investigate, for example where the allegations are outside the scope of PIDA or do not meet the definition of “wrongdoing” or where they are investigated under another policy or process.