SITE C CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT

Component Application Package – Moberly River Purse Boom System

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1 INTRODUCTION

The Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA) came into force on August 28, 2019. The CNWA includes a Schedule of navigable waters requiring regulatory approval for works that risk a substantial interference with navigation. Works required for construction and operation of the Site C Clean Energy Project (the Project) that occur on, over, under or through navigable waterways, as defined by the CNWA, must be permitted.

The Halfway River is a Peace River tributary near Hudson's Hope, BC and is not named in the CNWA schedule of navigable waters. As such, this application is being submitted as a Notification of Work through the Public Resolution process of the Navigation Protection Program.

This application package describes the proposed installation and operation of a temporary debris management system for the existing Moberly River Debris Retention Structure (Moberly Debris Piles). The Moberly Debris Piles are located on the Moberly River ~ 700m upstream of the confluence with the Peace River permitted by Approval 2019-500365.

As part of the operation and maintence of these Piles, BC Hydro is proposing to install a temporary Purse Boom System to remove accumulated debris.

2 DEBRIS MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Throughout Site C Project construction and reservoir operations, management of waterborne debris is necessary for worker, public, and dam safety. The <u>Site C Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Volume 1 Appendix A: Vegetative Clearing and Debris Management Plan</u> describes the wood waste and floating woody debris management approach for the Project.

During dam construction and early reservoir operations there are several key periods that will result in pulses of floating debris being transported down river:

- 2016 2020 natural floating debris mobilization during reservoir clearing.
- Late 2020 2023 Peace River diversion phase. The estimated debris volume will pulse again, due to diversion of the river at the dam site and further upstream headponding.
- 2023 2024 Reservoir filling phase. The estimated debris volume will pulse again, in stages as the reservoir is filled.

A temporary Moberly River Debris Boom (Debris Boom), previously approved under NPA File No. 2014-500334, is installed to catch floating debris near the existing Moberly River bridge crossing. Further upstream, a series of steel piles, known as the Moberly River Debris Retention Structure (Moberly Debris Piles), are driven into the river channel.

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The Moberly Debris Piles and Debris Boom prevent potential disruption of dam site construction activities by preventing errant logs from entering the construction site and passing through the diversion tunnels, and restricting downstream public access into the dam site construction area.

2.1 MOBERLY PURSE BOOM SYSTEM

As part of the operations and maintenance of the existing Moberly Debris Piles, BC Hydro is proposing to install a temporary Purse Boom System to safely and efficiently remove debris from the piles.

The Purse Boom System will be located adjacent to the Moberly Debris Piles on the upstream side, as shown on the Location Plan in Attachment A. An assembly of the purse boom is also included in Attachment A.

The Purse Boom will be operated by a winch and pulley system located on the left bank to collect accumulated debris. The debris will then be removed by an excavator working on either a pontoon float anchored to the shore or an existing gravel pad.

If required, a shear boom will be anchored to the shore on the right bank, with one end connected to the Debris Piles. The hydraulic force of the river will force the debris collected on the shear boom into the operational range of the purse boom.

The frequency of "pursing" the boom will depend on the debris accumulation rate. The system will be designed to hold a certain cubic meter amount of debris before "pursing" and cleaning.

2.2 SCHEDULE

Installation of the Purse Boom System is expected to be completed in two stages. Stage 1 involves the installation of the purse boom in mid-March 2021. Stage 2 if required, involves the installation of the shear boom at the end of July 2021.

Minor changes to location and arrangement may be required in order to field fit the system to site conditions that exist during installation and operation. These changes may be required due to the dynamic changes in flow and channel locations that occur frequently in this drainage.

The Purse Boom System will be removed prior to reservoir filling. Reservoir filling is currently scheduled to occur in September 2023.

3 PUBLIC BOATER ACCESS

The existing Moberly Debris Piles and Debris Boom prevent upstream access to the proposed location of the Purse Boom. Navigation signage placed on the Moberly River, ~1,700 m upstream of the Moberly River confluence (1 km upstream of the Purse Boom System location), alert boaters arriving from upstream, of the river being closed to navigation¹. Similarly, signage placed near the Moberly River confluence, in compliance with the conditions of the Moberly Debris Piles CNWA Approval (2019-500365) and the Moberly Debris Boom CNWA Approval (2014-500334) alert boater to an upstream closure.

¹ Condition #3 of the CNWA Approval 2019-500365

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Attachment A – Drawings of Purse Boom System



