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File: 120106-168584

July 6, 2015

Bettina Sander
Regulatory Manager
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Dear Bettina Sander:

Re: L3 Ravine and Garbage Creek Crossing: Notification for Changes In and About a Stream – 120106-168584

Thank you for submitting your *Water Act* Notification for Changes In and About a Stream Application to Front Counter British Columbia on March 6, 2015.

The *Water Act* Notification for Changes In and About a Stream was reviewed for options to construct four crossings at the proposed locations: Site # 1 - 4 as a either an open bottom culvert or bridge along the L3 Ravine (3 sites) and Garbage Creek (1 site) of which BC Hydro and Power Authority are the tenure holder of the said lands.

BC Hydro and Power Authority have provided "Stream Crossing Reports" which provided fish habitat assessments by a qualified professional, confirming the limited fish and fish habitat value within Sites # 1 – 4 and best management procedures, such as:

- A temporary open bottom culvert (box culvert) or skid bridge is required for a short duration vegetation clearing operation. The crossing installation, and its use, will be timed to coincide with low water or dry conditions and will be removed immediately after clearing operations are complete. The installation will not include fish habitat design features based on fish habitat assessed as poor quality and the temporary nature of the works.
- No instream works to occur; however, if any streamside soils are exposed during the installation of the crossing, sufficient silt fencing will be installed to prevent the discharge of silt-laden water.



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The crossing will be decommissioned / removed and site rehabilitated after investigative works are complete and no later than November 30, 2015.

All works in and about a stream must be compliant with applicable provincial, federal and/or municipal legislation/regulations including; but not limited to, the [Water Act](#), [Water Regulation](#), [Peace Terms and Conditions](#), and Site C – Clean Energy Project – Construction and Environmental Management Plan requirements.

BC Hydro and Power Authority will ensure an Independent Environmental Monitor is engaged to provide oversight and audit reporting services to the Ministry and an Environmental Monitor is engaged to oversee the implementation of the project.

It is also expected that all work will be consistent with the [Standards and Best Practices for Instream Works](#).

The effective date of this Notification is July 7, 2015. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this communication, you can contact me at (250) 774-5530.

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Sincerely

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