

File: 120106-208118

October 30, 2015

Bettina Sander Regulatory Manager BC Hydro and Power Authority Four Bentall Centre 1100-1055 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, V7X 1V5

Dear Bettina Sander:

Re: Floating Dock Installations - Peace River: Notification for Changes In and About a Stream - 120106-208118

Thank you for submitting your Water Act Notification for Changes In and About a Stream Application to Front Counter British Columbia on October 29, 2015.

The Water Act Notification for Changes In and About a Stream was reviewed for the proposed installation of two floating docks within the Project Activity Zone of the Site C Clean Energy Project. The instream works are required to address Work Safe BC's requirements to install floating docks on either side of the Peace River to address worker safety issues.

It is the Ministry's understanding that BC Hydro and Power Authority proposes to:

- Install two floating docks within the boundary of the Site C Project Activity Zone along the shoreline of the Peace River. Preferred locations include:
 - o Site # 1 North Bank Boat Dock, UTM Zone 10 629256 E and 6230421 N
 - o Site # 2 South Bank Boat Dock, UTM Zone 10, 629183 E and 6229735 N
- The structural design of the floating dock systems will be anchored above the current water level and adhere to the engineer design drawing, file reference # 060-PC-0663-1 as submitted.

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Location: 6100 Alaska Highway Fort Nelson BC

- The floating docks will be installed and subsequently monitored to ensure structures function in a manner that do not block stream flows and adjust to fluctuating water levels.
- Fish habitat assessments will be completed at each site to ensure floating dock systems are not situated in high value spawning areas.
- Instream activities will follow the attached Ministry of Environment, "General BMPs and Standard Project Considerations: Warf, Pier, Dock, Boathouse & Mooring Version .01" during operations.
- Provide the ministry, upon request, a copy of a sediment and erosion control plan detailing measures to protect the environment in the form of an "Environmental Protection Plan" document.
- Ensure an assessment of Heritage Resource features has been completed on the proposed area and notify the Independent Environmental Monitor if any new Heritage Resource Feature values have been identified during the completion of any pre-construction surveys or ongoing works.

In the event that any new Heritage Resource features are encountered, the identified "chance find procedures with respect to heritage resource features" must be followed and locations of such new features are illustrated / mapped within the Environmental Features map which is updated prior to resuming works.

In addition, 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 <u>Water Act</u>, <u>Water Regulation</u>, "<u>Peace Terms and Conditions</u>", *Fisheries Act* Authorization issued by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Site C – Clean Energy Project – Construction 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 as required 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 <u>Standards and Best Practices for</u> <u>Instream Works.</u>

The effective date of this Notification is October 30, 2015. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this communication, you can contact me at (250) 774-5530.

Yours truly,

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