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May 26, 2021

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British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority

12th Floor - 333 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, BC V6B 5R3

Dear British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority,

Use Approval - Short Term Use of Water (File 9000623)

Approval for the above has been granted and is attached for your perusal.

The Approval holder is required to adhere to all other applicable Provincial and Federal regulations.

We wish to inform you that the Peace River and Halfway River serves as a spawning and rearing area for fish. The protective requirement of the federal *Fisheries Act* must be met. Accordingly, it will be necessary for you to screen your water intake to protect against entry of small fish as per Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guidelines (Department of Fisheries and Oceans, 1995). Please refer to the Fisheries and Oceans Canada Web-site (www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Library/223669.pdf) for this publication.

Section 105 of the *Water Sustainability Act* gives the recipient of this notice the right to appeal my decision. You may file an appeal within 30 days of the date indicated on this letter. Information on filing an appeal can be found on the Environmental Appeal Board WEB site at <u>http://www.eab.gov.bc.ca/.</u>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the document issued, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Dave Francis Water Manager

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Section 10 (1) **Use Approval**

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, 12th Floor-333 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, BC V6B **5R3** and their agents are hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

1) The streams on which the rights are granted are the Halfway River and the Peace River. Below, the latitude and longitude co-ordinates identify the point of diversion for the individual water sources.

Site #	Name of Water Source	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	Time of Year Diversion is Authorized
MR4	Peace River	56.23674	-121.34707	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR5	Peace River	56.2274	-121.40167	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR6	Peace River	56.22868	-121.3888	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR7	Peace River	56.22614	-121.41106	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR25	Peace River	56.23662	-121.36113	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR26	Peace River	56.23785	-121.34505	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR27	Peace River	56.22683	-121.40456	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR28	Peace River	56.2215	-121.41043	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR41	Peace River	56.23475	-121.38612	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR42	Peace River	56.23706	-121.37015	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR17	Peace River	56.267555	-121.223568	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR18	Peace River	56.24618	-121.26994	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR19	Peace River	56.21393	-121.43627	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR20	Peace River	56.21311	-121.43994	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR21	Peace River	56.20647	-121.47595	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR22	Peace River	56.20038	-121.48907	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR23	Peace River	56.19635	-121.48536	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR24	Peace River	56.19662	-121.48308	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR29	Peace River	56.24094	-121.29159	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR30	Peace River	56.241798	-121.280793	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR31	Peace River	56.252	-121.26234	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR32	Peace River	56.26003	-121.2458	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR33	Peace River	56.267555	-121.223568	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR34	Peace River	56.19635	-121.48727	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR35	Peace River	56.19538	-121.49337	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR9	Halfway River	56.228849	-121.492807	November 1 st - May 31 st

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MR10	Halfway River	56.242439	-121.502746	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR11	Halfway River	56.243981	-121.512901	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR12	Halfway River	56.243062	-121.517940	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR13a	Halfway River	56.239949	-121.525870	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR13b	Halfway River	56.239824	-121.527361	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR14	Halfway River	56.249112	-121.539349	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR15	Halfway River	56.247689	-121.542873	November 1 st - May 31 st
MR16	Halfway River	56.236124	-121.583842	November 1 st - May 31 st
WP1	Halfway River	56.242076	-121.547629	November 1 st - May 31 st
WP5	Halfway River	56.241639	-121.546421	November 1 st - May 31 st
WP10	Halfway River	56.241210	-121.548108	November 1 st - May 31 st
POD 1	Peace River	56.261951	-121.190425	November 1 st - May 31 st
POD 2	Peace River	56.252387	-121.172144	November 1 st - May 31 st
POD 3	Peace River	56.250064	-121.169150	November 1 st - May 31 st
POD 4	Peace River	56.217506	-120.946954	November 1 st - May 31 st

- 2) This Approval does not authorize entry onto privately held or Crown land.
- 3) The purposes for which water is to be used under this Approval is Industrial as listed below;
 - Ice and Snow Making
- 4) The maximum total annual volume of water that can be diverted under this Approval is 50,000 cubic metres per year from the Peace River and 25,000 cubic metres per year from the Halfway River.

The maximum daily withdrawal is 3,000 cubic metres per day from the Peace River and 500 cubic metres per day from the Halfway River. The pump rate shall not exceed 0.5 cubic metres per second.

- 5) This Approval has been granted to use the water from September 5, 2021 to September 4, 2023 between the dates listed in Table 1.
- 6) The holder of this Approval shall take reasonable care to avoid damaging any land, works, trees or other property, and shall make full compensation to the owners for any damage or loss resulting from the exercise of the rights granted with this Approval.
- 7) The works authorized are screened intakes, pumps, pipelines or hoses and water trucks.
- 8) The holder of this Approval will initiate those sections under the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as it relates to this project to protect fish and fish habitat, vegetation and ecological communities, wildlife and heritage resources associated with these works.
- 9) The intake shall be screened in accordance to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guideline and as described in the Construction Environmental Management Plan - Site C Clean Energy Project, June 5, 2015" (CEMP).

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- 10)Authorized equipment shall be free of external grease, oil or fluid leaks while operating in the vicinity of any watercourse.
- 11) To limit the spread of invasive weeds, all authorized equipment used shall be inspected and weeds shall be removed before leaving the intake site.
- 12) This Approval does not authorize any in-stream work.
- 13) Daily and total volumes of water diverted for this project shall be retained and made available for review upon request.
- 14) A copy of this Approval and the water records must be available upon request and retained by the various pump operators/contractors for inspection.
- The Holder of this Approval must ensure that any incidence of high significance of non-conformance to 15) conditions of this Approval are reported to IE or IEM within 24 hours of discovery and the submission of a report within 5 days of that occurrence, in a form and manner acceptable to the Water Manager.

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