



Ministry of
Forests, Lands and
Natural Resource Operations

File: 9000266

May 8, 2017

Michael McArthur
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
333 Dunsmuir Street
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Dear Michael McArthur:

Re: Water Sustainability Regulation – Part 3, Section 39 Authorized Change – No. 9000266

Thank you for submitting your Water Sustainability Regulation Authorized Change Application to FrontCounter British Columbia on May 1, 2017.

The Water Sustainability Regulation, Part 3, Section 39 (1)(v) Authorized Change was reviewed for the proposed fording of the Peace River. The fording location is identified in the *DWB Tea Island Ford Crossing WSA DFO Mitigation Assessment Final, April 7 2017* report in support of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) Site C Clean Energy Project.

All works in and about a stream must be compliant with applicable federal, provincial, and municipal legislation, regulations, and associated policies; including, but not limited to, the [Water Sustainability Act](#), the [Water Sustainability Regulation](#), and the [Northeast Region Terms and Conditions](#) document. The project must adhere to the environmental protection and mitigation measures designated in the “*DWB Tea Island Ford Crossing WSA DFO Mitigation Assessment Final, April 7 2017*” document submitted by the proponent and its contractors in support of the project. BC Hydro is expected to ford the Peace River under low streamflow conditions.

It is the Ministry’s understanding that the fording will not allow sediment to enter the stream as a result of the excavator moving over the associated approaches. Rig mats and all equipment will be free of deleterious substances. Fording of the Peace River is permitted once to access Tea Island, and once again to exit the project location.

BC Hydro will ensure an appropriately qualified Independent Environmental Monitor is engaged to provide oversight and audit reporting services to the Ministry as required, and that an appropriately qualified Environmental Monitor is engaged to oversee the implementation of the project.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this communication you can contact me at (250) 387-4197.



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