



File: 9000337

December 19, 2019

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
12th Floor - 333 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, BC
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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: Order Associated with Section 11 Change Approval Application – 9000337 – Transmission Line –
Septimus Wetland Crossing**

An Order under Section 26 (1) (b) of the *Water Sustainability Act* has been issued to amend clause 4 in the original Approval 9000337 that was issued March 14, 2018.

The permit holder is required to adhere to all other applicable Provincial and Federal Regulations; including, but not limited to, the *Water Sustainability Act* and the *Water Sustainability Regulation*.

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 website at <http://www.eab.gov.bc.ca/>.

Dave Francis

Water Manager

Province of British Columbia

Water Sustainability Act

ORDER

SECTION 26(1)(b)

In the matter of Section 11 Change Approval, file No. 9000337 on the unnamed streams outlined in “Table 1” contained within the document entitled “Site C Clean Energy Project, Water Sustainability Act s.11 Approval, Transmission and New Watercourse Crossings – Septimus Road Area, Description of Activities and Works” by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority.

I hereby amend clause 4 to read as follows:

4) All works authorized by this approval for the Septimus Road Area shall be completed by December 31, 2020.

The permit holder is required to adhere to all other terms and conditions in Approval file No. 9000337 and applicable Provincial and Federal Regulations.

Dated at the City of Prince George, British Columbia, this 19th day of December 2019.



Dave Francis
Water Manager



Ministry of
Forests, Lands and
Natural Resource Operations

File: 9000337

March 14, 2018

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Suite 600, Four Bentall Centre
1055 Dunsmuir Street
PO BOX 49260
VANCOUVER BC
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Dear Karen von Muehldorfer | Regulatory Manager:

Re: Change Approval – 9000337 (Transmission Line – Septimus Wetland Crossing)

Approval for the above has been granted, and the approval document is attached for your perusal. Please review and ensure you are familiar with all of the conditions held within this approval.

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

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 <http://www.eab.gov.bc.ca/>.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the document issued, please contact Robert M Piccini in the Prince George office at (250) 551-3444.

Yours truly,

Dave Francis
Water Manager

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e.c. Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations, Resource Stewardship Division,
Water Management Branch, Gypsy Fisher, P.Geo.

T.E. Little Consulting Inc., Tim Little [REDACTED]

EDI Environmental Dynamics Inc., Jason Yarmish, Prince George BC

Approval
Section 11 (1)

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, Suite 600, Four Bentall Centre, 1055 Dunsmuir Street, PO Box 49260, Vancouver, BC V7X 1V5 and their agents are hereby authorized to make changes in and about a stream as follows:

- 1) The locations of the unnamed streams are outlined in “*Table 1*” contained within the document entitled, “*Site C Clean Energy Project, Water Sustainability Act s.11 Approval, Transmission and New Watercourse Crossings – Septimus Road Area, Description of Activities and Works*”, prepared by BC Hydro.
- 2) The changes to be made in and about the streams are:
 - The construction of an access road within Statutory Right-of-way registered to BC Hydro (RoW #802177) or areas inside the boundary described in BC Hydro’s application for a License to Occupy Crown Land (LOO #100217725), for the installation of two 500kV Transmission lines from the Peace Canyon generating station to the Site C substation,
 - All works and locations for the proposed crossings are listed and described in the attached table entitled, “*Table 1: List of wetland crossing locations in the Septimus Road area that are part of the WSA s11 Approval Application*”, with road design drawings 5L005-T09-0024B-001 to 006, prepared by Maple Leaf Forestry Ltd.,
- 3) All works and crossings shall be reviewed and assessed by a Fisheries Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP), to ensure that streams that contain fish and fish habitat are being maintained along this transmission corridor.
- 4) All works authorized by this approval for the Septimus Road Area shall be completed by December 31st, 2019.
- 5) Any significant departures from the approved plans and specifications as outlined in clause (2) will be reported to the Water Manager prior to those alterations occurring.
- 6) The following documents/plans shall be followed during the commencement of the work outlined in clause (2) above;
 - Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP),
 - Wetland Mitigation and Compensation Plan (WMCP), and,
 - Vegetation and Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (VWMMP).
- 7) All instream work shall be undertaken during appropriate instream work windows; unless otherwise authorized by appropriate Provincial or Federal agencies.
- 8) All work shall be done in accordance with the “Standards and Best Practices for Instream Works” (MWLAP 2004).
- 9) The natural rate of water flow must be maintained upstream and downstream of the worksite during all phases of instream work activity.
- 10) Instream activities must be conducted in the dry and the worksite must be isolated from water flowing in the stream channel.
- 11) Care shall be exercised during all phases of construction to minimize the escape of sediment laden water from the watercourse.

- 12) Equipment operating near the stream shall be free of external grease, oil or fluid leaks and an emergency spill response kit shall be kept on-site.
- 13) Refueling of machinery shall be conducted to ensure that deleterious substances shall not enter the watercourse.
- 14) All disturbed areas of the stream channel and its banks must be restored and provided with long-term protection from erosion.
- 15) All excavated material shall be placed in a stable area above the high water mark of the stream and protected from erosion, using appropriate grasses and/or vegetation that do not contain invasive or noxious weeds.
- 16) 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.
- 17) The holder of this approval shall notify the Water Manager under the *Water Sustainability Act* when the changes have been completed.
- 18) The changes shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Water Manager under the *Water Sustainability Act*.
- 19) British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BCH) has committed through the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC), multi-year monitoring to maintain and mitigate the potential long-term effects of this project on Fish and Fish Habitat.
- 20) This document does not supersede the requirements of the *Water Sustainability Act* and Regulations, Federal *Fisheries Act* or any other related legislation. The proponent is obligated to comply with all federal or provincial or municipal enactments.
- 21) This Approval, or a copy of it, must be kept or posted on the work site so that it may be shown to a Ministry official upon request.



Dave Francis
Water Manager

Date Issued: March 14, 2018

Approval/File No. 9000337