

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT*  
S.B.C. 2018, c. 51 (THE ACT)**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE #E14-02  
HELD BY BRITISH COLUMBIA HYDRO AND POWER AUTHORITY**

**FOR THE  
SITE C CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT**

**AMENDMENT #12 (AMENDMENT) TO  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE #E14-02**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On October 14, 2014, the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations issued Environmental Assessment Certificate #E14-02 (Certificate) to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority.
- B. The Certificate authorized British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority to construct and operate the Site C Clean Energy Project (Project) approximately seven kilometres south-west of Fort St. John, British Columbia.
- C. The Executive Director issued six Amendments to the Certificate under Section 19(3) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, S.B.C. 2002, c.43 [Act (2002)]:
  - i. On June 22, 2018, the Certificate was amended to modify the design of the generating station and spillway (Amendment #1).
  - ii. On October 26, 2018, the Certificate was amended to modify the design of the Halfway River bridge (Amendment #2).
  - iii. On November 14, 2018, the Certificate was amended to allow expanded use of material from the West Pine Quarry for construction (Amendment #3).
  - iv. On February 12, 2019, the Certificate was amended to allow the use of machines near watercourses in clearing the reservoir area (Amendment #4).
  - v. On December 13, 2019, the Certificate was amended to change a portion of the realignment of the Cache Creek segment of Highway 29 and the design of the Cache Creek bridge (Amendment #5).
  - vi. On December 13, 2019, the Certificate was amended to make changes to the worker accommodation camps (Amendment #6).
- D. The Chief Executive Assessment Officer issued five Amendments to the Certificate under Section 32(3) of the Act:
  - vii. On May 27, 2020, the Certificate was amended to modify the design of the Highway 29 realignment crossings of Farrell Creek, Dry Creek, and Lynx Creek (Amendment #7).
  - viii. On November 24, 2020, the Certificate was amended to develop and use the Halfway River East Borrow Source (Amendment #8).

- ix. On May 6, 2022, Condition #40 of the Certificate was amended to relocate the Cache Creek boat launch and day use area to a location east of the Halfway River (Amendment #9).
  - x. On June 30, 2022, the Certificate was amended to allow the use of haul trucks on a contingency basis to transport material from the 85th Avenue Industrial Lands to the dam site area (Amendment #10).
  - xi. On February 23, 2023, the Certificate was amended to allow for certain temporary structures to permanently remain within the reservoir and become submerged only if retaining the structure would not have an adverse effect on fish or fish habitat (Amendment #11).
- E. On February 12, 2025, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority requested an amendment under Section 32(1) of the of the Act to increase the maximum installed capacity of the six generating units from 1,100 megawatts to between 1,150 and 1,230 megawatts.
- F. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Act (2018), the Chief Executive Assessment Officer has delegated to the undersigned, powers and duties under the Act, including the power to amend certificates.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

I amend the Certificate as follows:

1. Section 4.3.1.4 of the Certified Project Description in Schedule A of the Certificate which reads:

- The powerhouse would contain six generating units with a combined installed capacity of up to 1,100 MW.

Is repealed and replaced with:

- The powerhouse would contain six generating units with a combined installed capacity of between 1,150 and 1,230 MW.

2. Clause A. of the Recitals of the Certificate which reads:

- The proponent proposes to construct and operate a dam and an 1,100 megawatt hydroelectric generating station and associated structures on the Peace River known as the Site C Clean Energy Project as described in the document listed in Schedule A (the "Project").

Is repealed and replaced with:

- The proponent proposes to construct and operate a dam and an 1,150 to 1,230 megawatt hydroelectric generating station and associated structures on the Peace River known as the Site C Clean Energy Project as described in the document listed in Schedule A (the "Project").



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Issued this 3rd day of April, 2025