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Attention: Bettina Sander

RE: Notice to the Minister under the *Navigation Protection Act* for review of an Environmental Compensation Structure, located on the Peace River, Site C Dam, on unsurveyed foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of Peace River, Site C, fronting PCL A (P9706) of the FRAC S 1/2 OF SEC 13 TP 83 R 19 W6M Peace River. Peace River District, City of Fort St. John, in the Province of British Columbia

Our assessment of your work has determined that it is not likely to substantially interfere with navigation.

Therefore your work is permitted under section 9(1) – Construction, of the *Navigation Protection Act* (NPA) and you may proceed per the attached plans (3) in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The NPA Approval and its Terms and Conditions shall be posted at an easily accessible place at the worksite.
2. Signage showing the location and layout of the Channel enhancement work and methodology shall be placed at the Peace Island Park boat launch.
3. In the event that the operation of the above works is terminated, it will be the proponent's responsibility to remove the construction related works and associated equipment in its entirety including any anchors and pilings. The riverbed is to be contoured as per fisheries habitat enhancement plans.
4. Install and maintain warning signs at locations on both sides of the main channel approximately 200m upstream and downstream of the excavation site. Signs shall be a minimum of 72" x 48", a white background with black lettering, with text as outlined below. Sign to be emplaced prior to and for the duration of construction and shall read:

**WARNING CONSTRUCTION AHEAD
EQUIPMENT WORKING IN WATERWAY**

The upstream signage shall not be required if a safety boom, buoy or patrol boat are put in place.

5. The outermost extent of the work above the surface shall be marked with orange Hi-visibility markers on the upstream and downstream corners.

6. The outermost extent of the work above the surface shall be marked with a flashing yellow light on the upstream and downstream corners. The lights are to be in operation in darkness or limited visibility.
7. Construction machinery in the water during darkness or limited visibility shall be marked with a flashing yellow light, visible to upstream and downstream traffic.
8. Any construction equipment anchored or left in or on the waterway overnight shall have its outermost extremity marked with a yellow flashing light.
9. Proponent may use the Canadian Dam Association signage standards in regards to shape, colour and size. Locations and wording are to be as per the Terms and Conditions of the permit or approval.

Pursuant to Sec. 34 of the Navigable Protection Act, the owner shall provide unimpeded access to the Minister or their representatives for inspection purposes.

Pursuant to Sec. 5 of the Navigable Waters Works Regulations, all temporary piles, false works, silt curtains, construction material or debris, etc. are to be completely removed from the waterway.

Please note that permission relates only to the effect of your work on navigation under the NPA. It is the owner's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws and regulations.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office in Vancouver by phone at (604) 775-8867 or by e-mail at NPPPAC-PPNPAC@tc.gc.ca.

Respectfully,



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