

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

File: 10550-20/Cache Creek Hwy 29 Realignment FA S.52

January 31, 2017

Karen von Muehldorfer Regulatory Manager British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Site C Clean Energy 600-1055 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, British Columbia V7X 1V5

Dear Karen von Muehldorfer:

Under Section 52(1) of the *Forest Act* of British Columbia I am authorizing BC Hydro and Power Authority to harvest Crown timber and use and occupy the land required for the Cache Creek Highway 29 realignment.

This Section 52 authorization is being issued as though it were a forestry licence to cut and therefore the *Forest and Range Practices Act* applies to activities associated with this authorization.

The purpose of this authorization is to allow the harvesting of approximately 2612m3 of Crown Timber on 183.4 hectares that will be covered under proposed Occupant Licence to Cut L50671.

Please note that the following conditions apply to this authorization:

- The licensee is required to the extent practicable, limit their harvesting of timber to the amount only required to safely conduct operations.
- Timber harvested under this Section 52 authorization is to be decked and marked to Occupant Licence to Cut L50671.
- Timber waste associated with this Section 52 authorization is to be reported under L50671
- Abate the fire hazard pursuant to the Wildfire Act.
- The licensee will adhere to the Occupant License to Cut #14 Management Plan
- The authorization afforded by this Section 52 authorization ends when OLTC L50671 is issued, which estimated to be April 2017.
- Maintenance of Environmental Assessment Certificate #E14-02 must be in good standing.



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Should you have any further questions regarding this authorization please contact Al Rodine, Senior Resource Technologist at (250)784-1255.

Yours truly,

Dave Francis

Deputy District Manager

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British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority 12th Floor 333 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 5R3

Dear Licensee:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 26, 2017 requesting exemptions provided for under the authority of Forest and Range Practices Act, Forest Planning and Practices Regulation Section 91 as detailed in the following table:

FPRR	Practice Requirement	Exemption		
Section		Section 91(1)(a)(ii)	Section 91(1)(b)	Rationale
47	Stream riparian classes		Yes	To clear and salvage merchantable timber that will be
48	Wetland Riparian classes		Yes	
49	Lake Riparian classes		Yes	
51	Restrictions in a riparian reserve	Yes		affected by the Site
	zone			C Project in a
53	Temperature Sensitive streams		Yes	manner consistent with BC Hydro's commitments
66	Wildlife tree retention		Yes	
68	Coarse woody debris	Yes		under the
70(1)	Describe factories (CAD 5)	37		Environmental
70(1)	Resource features(GAR 5)	Yes		Impact Statement.

^{*}FPPR Section 67 Restriction on harvesting in WTP is not applicable, no WTPs exist in area

As provided by Section 91 of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR) the exemption requests identified above associated with the Forest Act Section 52 Authorization for the Cache Creek Highway 29 realignment are hereby approved.

Yours truly,

Dave Francis

Deputy District Manager

