



July 10, 2025

Job Number: 132649
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BC Hydro and Power Authority
333 Dunsmuir ST
Vancouver, BC V8B 5R3

Dear BC Hydro and Power Authority,

Use Approval - Short Term Use of Water (File 9000935)

Approval for the above has been granted, and a *Water Sustainability Act* Section 10 Use Approval document that verifies this information is attached. This approval or a copy of it should be kept at the work site so that it may be shown to a Ministry official upon request.

This Use Approval is issued under the *Water Sustainability Act* (the Act). The exercise of rights under the approval is subject to the Act and its regulations, the terms and conditions of the approval, orders under the Act and the rights of the licensees whose rights have precedence on the stream or on an aquifer. The approval holder must comply with all such requirements, as well as the provisions of all other applicable Federal, Provincial and Municipal enactments, regulations and bylaws.

We wish to inform you that the Peace River serves as spawning and rearing area for fish. Accordingly, it is necessary for you to screen your water intake to protect against entry of small fish as per the End-of-pipe fish protection screens for small water intakes in freshwater code of practice. Please refer to the Fisheries and Oceans Canada Web-site (<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppc/codes/screen-ecran-eng.html>) for this publication.

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/>.

Sincerely,

Marianne Johnson
Water Manager

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BC Hydro and Power Authority and their agents are hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

- a) The source on which the rights are granted is the Peace River.
- b) The point of diversion zones are located between the coordinates specified:

Site #	Name of Water Source	Diversion Zone			
		Latitude 1 (N)	Longitude 1 (W)	Latitude 2 (N)	Longitude 2 (W)
POD1	Peace River	56.223759	-121.439153	56.236696	-121.400176
POD2	Peace River	56.203744	-121.486307	56.214381	-121.459348

- c) The purposes for which the water may be used are Well Drilling/Transportation/Utility Corridor Management.
- d) The maximum quantity of water which may be diverted annually under this Approval is 150,000 m³/year from the Peace River.

The maximum daily withdrawal is 1,400 m³/day combined from both diversion zones. The pump rate shall not exceed 0.5 m³/s.
- e) This approval does not authorize entry onto privately held land.
- f) Approval has been granted to use the water from September 8, 2025 to September 7, 2027.
- g) The authorized works are screened intakes, pumps, pipelines or hoses and water trucks.
- h) The intake shall be screened in accordance to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guideline and as described in the "Construction Environmental Management Plan - Site C Clean Energy Project, June 5, 2015" (CEMP).

- i) This Use Approval does not authorize any instream work, and no machinery shall be operated in the wetted perimeter of the stream.
- j) Authorized equipment shall be free of external grease, oil or fluid leaks while operating in the vicinity of any watercourse.
- k) All work will be done in a manner that prevents the introduction of silt and/or other deleterious substances into the stream or any of its tributaries.
- l) All authorized equipment shall be inspected for invasive species and cleaned prior to and after use. (www.bcinvasives.ca).
- m) A complete record of the daily and total water withdrawal amounts and date shall be provided in an acceptable electronic format to the Officer/Assistant/Water Manager on request.
- n) A copy of this approval and the water record(s) must be available upon request and retained by the various pump operators/contractors for inspection at any time.
- o) The diversion of water authorized under this Use Approval may be restricted or prohibited at any time by an order in writing by the Water Manager under the *Water Sustainability Act*, during periods of low flow to protect the rights of prior licensees or to maintain a minimum flow in the stream for the preservation of aquatic life.
- p) The Holder of this Approval must ensure that any incidence of high significance of non-conformance to conditions of this Approval are reported to IE or IEM within 24 hours of discovery and the submission of a report within 5 days of that occurrence, in a form and manner acceptable to the Water Manager.

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Water Manager

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