

## FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

### Socio-Economic Assessment Data Gathering: August 2011 – March 2012

The Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C) is now in Stage 3, the environmental and regulatory review phase, which will include an independent environmental assessment. Stage 3 work includes conducting environmental and engineering field studies on and around the Peace River between the Williston Reservoir and the Alberta border. BC Hydro formally entered the environmental assessment process in May 2011 with the submission of a Project Description Report to the provincial and federal environmental assessment agencies.

BC Hydro has initiated a socio-economic assessment which will include all components of the Site C project. Topic areas within the socio-economic assessment currently include: economic, land and resource use, socio-community, visual and aesthetic resources, health and healthy living, and a First Nations Community Assessment. The study components may be revised in scope or timing on the basis of input from the public, First Nations, government agencies or consultant expertise, as part of the Pre-Application stage of the Environmental Assessment process.

A local and regional study area will be defined relevant to each topic, for example using local and regional government boundaries or land management zoning or planning areas. First Nation community assessment study areas will be based on similarly defined local community areas, as well as the regional area relevant to their members.

BC Hydro has contracted a Socio-Economic and Health Assessment study team led by Golder Associates Ltd. with Lions Gate Consulting, Chisholm Consulting and Decision Economics Consulting Group.

The first phase of the study involves baseline data gathering. In August 2011, and continuing through the year, the team will be contacting local government, government agencies, businesses, and local organizations to request baseline information within the potential effect topic areas. During the study members of the socio-economic team will be in the local area conducting informational interviews, gathering data and taking photographs.

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#### SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT Data Gathering Phase: August 2011 - March 2012

- BC Hydro is conducting a socio-economic assessment study for the Site C project.
- Preliminary topic areas include economic, land and resource use, socio-community, visual and aesthetic resources, health and healthy living, and a First Nations Community Assessment.
- Local government, government agencies, businesses and organizations are being contacted to request baseline information on all topic areas.
- During the study members of the socio-economic team will be in the local area conducting informational interviews, gathering data and taking photographs.
- The study team is led by Golder Associates Ltd.