

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

Regional and Local Government Liaison Committee

Meeting Date: June 22, 2011

To: Regional and Local Government Liaison Committee

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Subject: Site C Clean Energy Project Description Report Briefing – Presentation to be given at meeting on June 22, 2011

PURPOSE

This note provides a summary of the Site C Project Description Report presentation to be given to the Committee at the June 22, 2011 meeting.

The purpose of the presentation is to provide a briefing about the Site C Project Description report submitted to federal and provincial environmental assessment agencies on May 18, 2011. At that time, BC Hydro sent the Project Description Report along with supporting background material to members of the Regional and Local Government Liaison Committee. This information is found on the Site C website: http://www.bchydro.com/planning_regulatory/site_c/Information_Centre.html

The presentation will provide an overview of the content of the project description report, including a briefing on the upgraded project design.

1. BACKGROUND

BC Hydro has submitted a project description report for the Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C) to federal and provincial environmental assessment agencies. The filing of a project description is the first step to initiate an environmental assessment for Site C. A formal regulatory process will begin once the report has been reviewed and accepted by the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.

The environmental assessment process for Site C will be thorough and independent. It will include opportunities for consultation and input by the public, Aboriginal groups, communities, property owners and stakeholders. During the review, BC Hydro will identify and assess potential project effects — environmental, economic, social, heritage and health — and opportunities to provide lasting benefits for the region and First Nations. Where effects cannot be avoided, BC Hydro will identify and evaluate options for mitigation.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION REPORT

Submitting a project description report is the first step to initiate the environmental assessment process and it provides:

- General project information, including the rationale for the project.
- An overview of the key components of the project, the construction and operations-related activities, and the anticipated project schedule.
- An overview of the existing environmental and socio-economic setting, including current land and water use in the vicinity of the project.
- An outline of the potential environmental, economic, social, heritage and health effects of the project.
- A description of past and proposed engagement with Aboriginal groups, stakeholders and government agencies, including the issues of interest/concern identified to date.
- An overview of federal and provincial regulatory requirements.

3. PRESENTATION SUMMARY

The presentation to the RLGC will provide an overview of the following:

- Purpose of the project description report
- Upgraded project design
- Key project components
- Project Cost update
- Environmental, socio-economic and heritage baseline studies
- Consultation and engagement
- Key permits and approvals required