Ministry of
Forests, Lands and
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File: 9000245

August 4, 2017

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Suite 600, Four Bentall Centre
1055 Dunsmuir Street
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VANCOUVER BC
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Dear Karen von Muehldorfer | Regulatory Manager:

Re: Short Term Use Approval Application – 9000245 (Generating Station and Spillway)

Approval for the above has been granted, and the approval document along with a site plan and table verifying this is attached for your perusal.

The Approval holder is required to adhere to all other applicable Provincial and Federal regulations.

We wish to inform you that the Peace River serves as a spawning and rearing area for fish. The protective requirement of the federal *Fisheries Act* must be met. Accordingly, it will be necessary for you to screen your water intake to protect against entry of small fish as per Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guidelines (Department of Fisheries and Oceans, 1995). Please refer to the Fisheries and Oceans Canada Web-site (www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Library/223669.pdf) 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/.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the document issued, please contact Robert M Piccini in the Prince George office at (250) 551-3444.

Yours truly,

Dave Francis
Water Manager

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Province of British Columbia
Water Sustainability Act

Use Approval
Section 10 (1)(b)

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, Suite 600, Four Bentall Centre, 1055 Dunsmuir Street, PO Box 49260, Vancouver, BC V7X 1V5 and their agents are hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

1) The stream on which the rights are granted is the Peace River within the footprint of the Dam Site as set out in Conditional Water License 132991.

2) There are two (2) points of diversion along the Peace River, see BCH – Figure 1, Short Term Use of Water for GSS – Site map, drawing no. 1016-C14-08741. These points of diversions are located as follows;

   - 56.190343, -120.902552
   - 56.190119, -120.899794

3) These points of diversion are located within Land Act License of Occupation 815646.

4) The purposes for which water is to be used under this Approval is Industrial for the construction of the Generating Station and Spillway (GSS), as listed below;

   - Well Drilling/Transportation/Utility Corridor Management (dust control/mechanical system testing/soil compaction),
   - Miscellaneous Industrial (fire protection),
   - Processing and Manufacturing (concrete processing),
   - Vehicle and Equipment (Washing),
   - Domestic (Office use).

5) The maximum quantity of water that may be diverted under this Approval is 1,562m3 per day with a maximum total yearly volume of 570,000 m3/year (1,140,000 m3 for the duration of the approval), with a pump rate not to exceed 0.05 m3 per second.

6) This Approval has been granted to use the water from October 1st, 2017 to September 30th, 2019.

7) The holder of this Approval shall take reasonable care to avoid damaging any land, works, trees or other property, and shall make full compensation to the owners for any damage or loss resulting from the exercise of the rights granted with this Approval.

8) The works authorized are screened intakes, pumps, pipelines or hoses and temporary pumper trucks.

9) The holder of this Approval will initiate those sections under the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as it relates to this project to protect fish and fish habitat, vegetation and ecological communities, wildlife and heritage resources associated with these works.

10) The intakes 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).

11) Authorized equipment shall be free of external grease, oil or fluid leaks while operating in the vicinity of any watercourse.

12) To limit the spread of invasive weeds, all authorized equipment used shall be inspected and weeds shall be removed before leaving the intake site.

13) This Approval does not authorize any in-stream work.

14) Daily and total volumes of water diverted for this project shall be retained and made available for review upon request.

15) A copy of this Approval and the water records must be available upon request and retained by the various pump operators/contractors for inspection.

16) 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.

Dave Francis
Water Manager

Date Issued: August 4, 2017 **Approval/File No. 9000245**