

ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

Report: 13. BC Hydro Response to Treaty 8 Tribal Association's Submission on Stage 2 Consultation

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Summary: In this paper, BC Hydro addresses Treaty 8's key issues and concerns raised in its submission. BC Hydro believes that its consultation with Treaty 8 during Stage 2 has been honourable and conducted in good faith. Specifically:

- Consultations with Treaty 8 commenced early in Stage 2 and well before any decision to build the potential Site C Project is made;
- To date, BC Hydro has provided Treaty 8 with significant capacity funding to participate fully in the consultation process;
- The Parties have met 31 times regarding the potential Site C Project; and
- BC Hydro has shared extensive information with Treaty 8 during Stage 2 to facilitate work and dialogue contemplated under the Consultation Agreement.

BC Hydro is committed to a process of reconciling the treaty interests of Treaty 8 and will fully consult on these interests should the Project proceed to Stage 3.