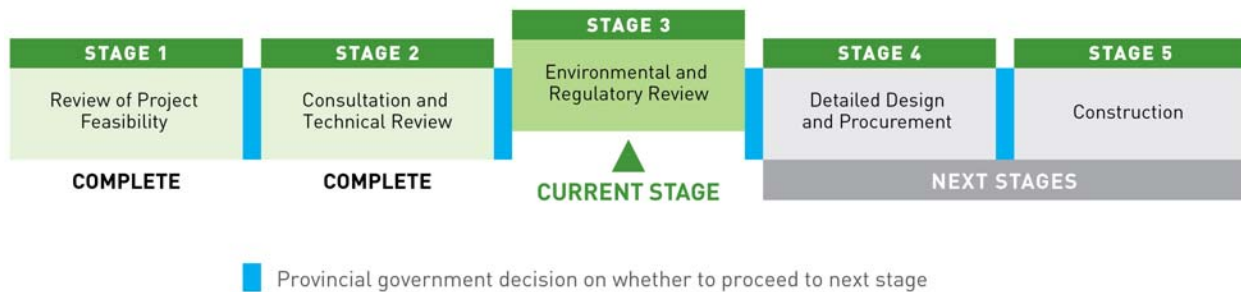


INFORMATION SHEET

MULTI-STAGE EVALUATION PROCESS

Consistent with best practices for large infrastructure projects, BC Hydro adopted a multi-stage approach for the evaluation of the Site C Clean Energy Project. This process provides the Province with multiple milestones for assessing the project and deciding whether to proceed to the next stage.



Stage 1: Review of Project Feasibility

During Stage 1, existing studies and historical information related to engineering, costs, environment, consultation and First Nations were reviewed. At the end of Stage 1, BC Hydro determined that Site C was feasible and recommended to the B.C. government to move the project forward to the next stage of planning and development.

Stage 2: Consultation and Technical Review

Stage 2 of the Site C project included consultation with the public, Aboriginal groups, communities and property owners, as well as initial discussions with Alberta and the Northwest Territories. Stage 2 also included baseline environmental and socio-economic studies, as well as engineering and technical studies regarding the design, construction and operation of the proposed project.

Stage 3: Environmental and Regulatory Review

Site C is now in the environmental and regulatory review phase, which includes a thorough and independent environmental assessment process. This process includes opportunities for consultation and input by the public, Aboriginal groups, stakeholders and communities.

Stage 4: Detailed Design and Procurement

Following environmental certification, Stage 4 would include the conclusion of procurement, and design and construction planning. Stage 4 would also provide a decision point for the Province to review Site C and decide whether to proceed to Stage 5.

Stage 5: Construction

The final stage of the Site C project is construction, estimated to take seven years.

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B.C. continues to grow and so has the need for more electricity. That's why BC Hydro is building, renewing, and encouraging conservation to meet today's needs and those of future generations. In 2011, BC Hydro is celebrating 50 years of providing power for British Columbians, and inviting them to help prepare for the next 50 years