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STAKEHOLDER FORUM

Introduction and
Terms of Reference Review

BC Hydro
Non Treaty Storage
Process
Stakeholder Forum
Session #1

Castlegar, BC
October 26-27, 2010



Stakeholder Forum

Overall Purpose & Scope

- To obtain feedback from stakeholders on the assessment of potential benefits and impacts of scenarios for usage of Non-Treaty Storage.
- BCH to comment on relationship to other processes.

Application of the Feedback

- Coupled with Water Use Planning objectives, the feedback will help to:
 - Inform negotiations of a new Agreement (or other short term agreements). Opportunities may exist to adjust aspects of a new Agreement to more effectively reflect stakeholder interests.
 - Inform BCH in their ongoing system operations. Power/Non-Power tradeoffs can be made based on most up-to-date views from stakeholders.



Today's Purpose

1. To provide background on the NTSA and overall context for the process
2. As committed to by BC Hydro, to review the results of four scenarios (A, B, C, D)
 - The hydrological implications across the system
 - Performance Measure (PM) results
 - Reflective of stakeholder interests?
 - Additional information required?
3. To begin the process of collecting feedback that BC Hydro can use in future operations and their negotiations with BPA.



Terms of Reference

1. Purpose of TOR and Code of Conduct
2. Purpose of Stakeholder Forum
3. Additional and Distinct First Nations' Consultation
4. Stakeholder Forum Membership
5. Information Distribution
6. Roles & Responsibilities
7. Code of Conduct
8. Role of the Facilitator
9. Role of the BC Hydro Project Team
10. Public Communication



Roles & Responsibilities

- Attending and participating in all Stakeholder Forum meetings
- Reviewing in detail any pre-reading materials to be developed
- Becoming familiar with the general scope and content of the Columbia River Water Use Plan (and ongoing Water License Requirement initiatives) and the Columbia Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program
- Articulating their interests
- Ensuring continuity in representation
- Keeping their organization (if applicable) informed of the issues under discussion



Specific Tasks

- Review Non-Treaty Storage options developed by BC Hydro
- Review environmental assessment results
- Help identify and articulate the potential pros and cons across the range of Non-Treaty Storage options
- Review and sign off on the final Stakeholder Forum Engagement Report (which should be an accurate report of the engagement process).



Code of Conduct

- Treat others with courtesy and respect
- Listen attentively with an aim to understand all participants' interests
- Speak in terms of interests instead of positions
- Be concise in making your point
- Challenge ideas not people
- Let opposing views co-exist
- Use the “parking lot” for issues that fall outside the day’s agenda
- Act in “good faith” in all aspects of the process.
- Avoid disruption of meetings (e.g. use of cell phones, caucusing at the table)
- Aim to achieve consensus on issues



Role of Facilitator

- Assist the Members in achieving their purpose, tasks and deliverables
- Ensure that Forum & process is effective (meetings, methods)
- Make every endeavour to ensure that all parties are heard and that the Code of Conduct is adhered to
- Remain impartial; serve the process
- Ensure that the engagement process delivers information that is useful for informing BC Hydro's negotiation of the Non-Treaty Storage Agreement, and
- Prepare the Forum Engagement Report for review and sign-off by Forum Members.



Role of Project Team

- Compile and provide existing data and information as it pertains to analyzing different Non-Treaty Storage scenarios
- Arrange and manage studies for collection of new data and information, if a need is determined
- Arrange meetings and take notes
- Maintain a database of interested parties who are to receive copies of meeting notes and other written materials. Distribute meeting notes and supporting materials
- Develop and maintain communication links with interested parties
- Produce and issue all communications materials
- Manage the process to maintain an acceptable time schedule, scope and budget