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Mr. Patrick Wruck
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Dear Mr. Wruck

**RE: British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC or Commission)
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)
Site C Clean Energy Project
COVID-19 Impact and Risk Mitigation Bi-Weekly Report No. 28**

BC Hydro writes in response to the BCUC's letter dated April 1, 2020 (the **Letter**) to provide a bi-weekly update on the current status of the COVID-19 Pandemic situation on the Site C Clean Energy Project (**Project**).

In the Letter, the BCUC asked for:

- 1.0 An update on the current status of the Pandemic situation on-site, including numbers of workers who: have ceased work on the Project; those who continue to work on the Project; and anyone who remains on-site, but who is not actively working on the Project. Also, any confirmed Pandemic cases to-date, and the work status and location of these individuals. We request an update to this information on a bi-weekly basis while the Provincial State of Emergency in British Columbia remains in effect.

BC Hydro Response

BC Hydro reports the total number of workers on site as a whole and does not distinguish between the project work areas. There is an approximate four to six-week lag from when BC Hydro receives this information as it is collected and reported from the contractors on the Project. The March 2021 figures, released on May 4, 2021, showed that there were 4,321 total workers on the Project in March 2021.

Since the last bi-weekly report, BC Hydro confirms that 18 contractor workers have tested positive for COVID-19. Since March 2020, BC Hydro has been notified of 100 people testing positive for COVID-19 while working on the Site C project. As of

May 4, 2021, there are 15 active cases of COVID-19 on the Project and 85 cases that have cleared.

On April 29, 2021, the Medical Health Officer of Northern Health declared an outbreak on the Site C project. This step has been taken to ensure the health and safety of the project workforce and members of the public. Declaring an outbreak typically results in health officers, WorkSafeBC and the company involved continuing to monitor and respond to the outbreak. The outbreak declaration will remain in place for at least 28 days.

The outbreak is among workers of Peace River Hydro Partners, the project's main civil works contractor; specifically, those working in the contractor's office complex and on the dam core excavation. Northern Health has determined there is no need to stop work on the project, and work will continue as planned.

BC Hydro has been in regular contact with Northern Health about these cases and they have supported the contact tracing and containment measures that have been taken so far. In addition to COVID-19 safety measures already in place, steps have also been taken to identify and isolate any employees who may have been exposed, as well as evacuating and thoroughly disinfecting the contractor's construction offices. With the support of Northern Health, asymptomatic testing of people in isolation is also being conducted to support further contact tracing. New actions include implementing additional signage around the camp to encourage compliance, increasing the number of hand sanitation stations and improving physical distancing measures within office spaces.

The Site C vaccination program resumed on Thursday, April 22, 2021. Northern Health has since authorized Site C to expand the AstraZeneca vaccination program to include Site C workers 18 years of age and older. To date, the on-site medical clinic has administered vaccines to 1,520 Site C workers. This figure does not include workers who have been vaccinated in their home communities.

BC Hydro is being very cautious and is applying all public health guidelines. We are requiring people with any slight symptoms to self-isolate. As of May 4, 2021, there are 33 people in isolation in the camp under the medical supervision of the on-site health clinic, and 44 people isolating at home.

BC Hydro continues to work with the Northern Health Authority and strictly follows all federal and provincial health guidelines to protect other workers in the camp and the local community.

For the most up to date information on Site C and COVID-19, please visit the Site C COVID-19 updates website at www.sitecproject.com/COVID-19.

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For further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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