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Dear Ms. Tresoglavic

**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. 20**

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 November 2020 figures, released on January 8, 2021 showed that there were 4,941 total workers on the Project in November 2020.

Since the last bi-weekly report, BC Hydro confirms that two contractor workers have tested positive for COVID-19. Since March 2020, BC Hydro has been notified of

32 people testing positive for COVID-19 while working on the Site C project. As of January 12, there is one active case of COVID-19 on the project and 31 cases that have cleared.

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 January 12, 2021, there are five people in isolation in the camp under the medical supervision of the on-site health clinic.

On December 29, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer posted a new order for several large-scale industrial projects in the Northern Health region, including the Site C project. The order is designed to help slow down the number of workers returning to northern communities following the holiday season, and the potential for COVID-19 transmission by workers travelling to projects.

We are working closely with health officials and our contractors on a safe and staged plan to slowly increase the number of workers at the dam site throughout the month of January. The order does not impact people working on off-dam site activities such as clearing, transmission construction and Highway 29 work.

BC Hydro has been monitoring COVID-19 closely since early 2020 and has regularly reviewed and adjusted its safety protocols to minimize the risk of transmission to, or within, the project site based on the guidance of the health authorities.

These include health screenings prior to accessing the project site, enhanced cleaning throughout the worker accommodation, mandatory mask use in camp and construction offices, and adherence to physical distancing rules throughout the project site.

BC Hydro and its contractors also recently set up thermal scanners at various exit and entry points of the worker accommodation lodge that are used before workers board crew buses or leave camp to go to various project work sites. Local workers are already scanned each day when they enter the site.

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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