

## FACT SHEET

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### STAGE 3 PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Stage 3 of the Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C) includes an environmental and regulatory review. This will include several phases of consultation with the public, communities and property owners, as well as the Province of Alberta and Northwest Territories. In addition, BC Hydro and Aboriginal groups are engaged in a thorough consultation process that will continue through all stages of the project.

The following public and stakeholder consultation will be included in Stage 3:

- Local Government Liaison
- Property Owner Consultation
- Environmental Assessment and Regulatory Processes
- Pre-Design Consultation

A range of consultation methods will be utilized during Stage 3, including the Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope Community Consultation Offices, stakeholder meetings, open houses, print and online feedback forms and written submissions.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIAISON

BC Hydro will engage key municipal, regional and provincial government stakeholders to ensure they are kept up to date on the status of the project, and are consulted on key issues, particularly those that are directly related to local governments.

#### PROPERTY OWNER CONSULTATION

Following up on property owner consultation held in Stage 2, BC Hydro will continue to consult with property owners during Stage 3. Key topics of consultation are expected to include reservoir impact lines and Highway 29 realignment options.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND REGULATORY PROCESSES

Prior to construction, Site C must first undergo a thorough and independent environmental and regulatory review process. BC Hydro will meet environmental requirements defined by legislation, regulation and government directives. It is anticipated that the project will be subject to independent federal and provincial environmental assessment processes delivered by the

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B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA).

Two public comment periods would be held as part of the environmental assessment process:

- **Draft Information Requirements** – gathering input about the scope and nature of environmental studies to be completed for the Environmental Assessment Application
- **Application for Environmental Assessment Certificate** – gathering feedback regarding the results of environmental effects-assessment studies

### PRE-DESIGN CONSULTATION

Building on two rounds of Project Definition consultation conducted in Stage 2, Pre-Design consultation will gather stakeholder and public input on a range of topics, including, but not limited to:

- Agriculture
- Fish and wildlife
- Highway 29 realignment options
- Impact lines
- Recreation
- Regional community benefits
- Reservoir clearing
- Socio-economic study topics

In addition to the consultation processes mentioned above, BC Hydro will continue to provide information about the project through the Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope Community Consultation Office, the project website ([www.bchydro.com/sitec](http://www.bchydro.com/sitec)) and an inquiry-response program.