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NEWS RELEASE – BCUC Ready and Able to Review Site C if Directed by Government

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The BC Utilities Commission is ready and able to do a review of BC Hydro’s Site C project if the Provincial Government directs it to do so.

Site C is an exempt project under the *Clean Energy Act* which means that the BCUC currently has no jurisdiction to conduct a review of the project. However, under section 5 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Lieutenant Governor in Council can set terms of reference and direct the BCUC to inquire into any matter.

“The terms of reference and the level of public engagement would determine how long such a review would take to complete,” says David Morton, Chair & CEO of the BCUC.

The BCUC is a regulatory agency responsible for oversight of energy utilities and compulsory auto insurance in the province of British Columbia. It is the BCUC’s role to balance the interests of customers with the interests of the businesses we regulate. The BCUC carries out fair and transparent reviews of matters within its jurisdiction and considers public input where public interest is impacted.

The BCUC operates under the *Utilities Commission Act* and takes direction from the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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