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BCUC INQUIRY RESPECTING SITE C

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Commissioner David Morton, Chair
Site C Panel Review
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC
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Dear Mr. Morton:

RE: Site C BCUC Review

We write this letter as elected representatives of the District of Hudson's Hope and Electoral Area "B," Peace River Regional District, to invite the BCUC Panelists and appropriate Deloitte representatives to visit the area affected by the Site C project, which consists of the dam itself, plus the 83 kilometer main-stem and 24 kilometer tributary inundation areas.

Area "B" would host over 80% of the reservoir which would be formed by Site C, should it be built. The District of Hudson's Hope hosts the rest and is the only municipality which loses infrastructure and land (over 4600 acres {1700 hectares}) to inundation, road realignment or the restrictive statutory right-of-way placed on land adjacent to the reservoir. Hudson's Hope is also affected by the construction phase. Both our jurisdictions would be irrevocably affected by the 100+ year operation of Site C. We trust this qualifies us as "interested parties" (Terms of Reference 3(d)).

In order to make good decisions, we believe that decision-makers must be able to visualize the consequences of their decisions. We are pleased that the panelists and Deloitte representatives interpreted their mandate to include receiving briefings and visiting the area. However, according the media reports, the visit last week was limited

to the dam-site and the first highway realignment. That is only part of the project. As we understand it, the briefing was only from the proponent.

It is very important that the BCUC not take simply a partial view of this project. The mandate questions apply to the full project, and the impact of the reservoir is fully as important as the that of the dam structure itself. This more complete view must be part of Phase 1 of the information gathering process, and briefing information must come from more than the proponent.

We propose a road tour along the Peace River on Highway 29 to the upper end of the proposed Site C reservoir (Peace Canyon Dam), stopping briefly to point out on-the-ground information relevant to the Terms of Reference. For example:

- On-the-ground viewing of initial reservoir level (before sloughing) TOR(3(a)(i, ii, iii)
- On-the-ground viewing of area and location of the maximum reservoir level, shown by the statutory right of way land where no structures would be allowed during the 100+ year operation of Site C TOR 3(a)(i, ii, iii)
- Viewing of the three other highway relocations en-route. TOR 3(a) (i, ii iii)
- On-the-ground viewing of what will be the largest municipal solar generation project in British Columbia when completed this fall. This Hudson's Hope local government initiative is directly relevant to the question re: portfolio of alternatives (TOR 3(b)(v) and factors that will influence proper energy forecasts (TOR) 3(c)(iii).

We believe that a useful, comprehensive tour could be completed in approximately 6 – 7 hours, beginning and ending in the North Peace airport, including time for lunch in Hudson's Hope. With timelines so short, we suggest August 22, 25, or 30 as the best dates. Given the assigned timelines, we look forward to your quick response.

Yours truly,

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