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Attention: Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

Dear Leonard Hiebert, Chair, Peace River Regional District:

Thank you for your March 20, 2025, letter regarding BC Hydro's Amendment Application for the Site C project. I am writing to share the attached response from BC Hydro and to respond to your request on behalf of the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO).

I understand that the PRRD Board passed a resolution regarding BC Hydro's proposed amendment to the Environmental Assessment Certificate of the Site C project, regarding increased generating capacity. The resolution requests that the EAO require BC Hydro to increase their funding under the Site C Regional Legacy Benefit Agreement (RLBA) in proportion to the increased generating capacity of the Site C generating station.

The EAO reviewed your request to include this condition in the EAC and, based on the factors outlined below, considers the matter to be beyond the scope of the EAO's amendment review process. The Site C Environmental Assessment Certificate does not include a condition requiring the proponent to financially compensate for population and service impacts through agreements with local governments. Additionally, the proposed amendment does not alter the project's impacts, valued components, or assessment matters previously considered by the EAO. Therefore, the EAO does not find this condition warranted and is unable to require it as part of the amendment process.

I encourage the PRRD to engage directly with BC Hydro should you wish to further discuss this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to reach out if you have any further questions or require additional information.

Best regards,

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Good afternoon,

On behalf of the Peace River Regional District, please find attached the Regional Board's comments to EAC#E14-02, Request to Amend Section 4.3.1.4.

Please confirm receipt.

Best regards,

**Suzanne Garrett** | Corporate Services Coordinator

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