

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT S.B.C. 2002, c.43
(the ACT)
AND
NON-COMPLIANCES
WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE E14-02
ORDER UNDER SECTION 34(1)**

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 14, 2014, Environmental Assessment (EA) Certificate E14-02 (Certificate) was issued to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (Certificate Holder) for the Site C Clean Energy Project (Project).
- B. In response to a complaint from a member of the public, in his role as Senior Compliance and Enforcement Officer, the undersigned conducted an inspection of the Project against the requirements of Certificate Condition 56. Based on review of information obtained during the inspection, the undersigned has determined that the Certificate Holder was not compliant with Condition 56 of the Certificate due to a failure to monitor water quality in potentially affected wells twice a year, for a period of 10 years, from the outset of construction.
- C. No well monitoring as required by Condition 56 was conducted between the commencement of construction in July of 2015 and October of 2016.
- D. The Certificate Holder provided evidence to the undersigned that well monitoring as required by Condition 56 commenced in October of 2016.
- E. Section 34 of the Act specifies that the Minister may order the Certificate Holder to carry out measures to mitigate the effects of non-compliance.
- F. The undersigned has received written delegation of the Minister's powers under Section 34 of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE:

Pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Act, I order that the Certificate Holder:

- 1) By January 16, 2017, provide the undersigned with documentation of all attempts to notify potential water well owners within 1 km of the reservoir and a list of all wells which are being or will be monitored as required by condition.
- 2) Implement additional notification if required by Environmental Assessment Office Compliance and Enforcement following review of the information required by clause 1.

- 3) Subject to the approval of well owners, monitor the water quality in water wells located within 1km of the reservoir twice a year for a period of 10 years from the date of the first sample event for each individual well;
- 4) Maintain records of the water well monitoring program conducted pursuant to this Order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chris Parks', consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line.

Chris Parks,
Senior Compliance and Enforcement Officer
Environmental Assessment Office

Dated December 22, 2016