

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Revelstoke Unit 6 Project

Open House *and* Invitation to Comment

BC Hydro (Proponent) is proposing to install a 500-megawatt generating unit into an existing turbine bay at Revelstoke Generating Station (proposed Project), located 5 km north of the City of Revelstoke. A new capacitor station would also be built on an existing transmission line approximately 19 km west of Summerland. The capacitor station is needed to reliably deliver the extra electricity generated to the BC Hydro grid.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Proponent must obtain an environmental assessment certificate before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project. However, prior to submission of an application (Application) for a certificate by the Proponent, Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) must first approve Application Information Requirements.

The Application Information Requirements will specify the studies to be conducted and the detailed information to be provided by the Proponent in its Application. EAO has now received draft Application Information Requirements from the Proponent and invites comments on this draft.

In order to provide information about the Application Information Requirements EAO invites the public to attend an **Open House**. There will be two Open Houses to be held as follows:

- at: **Revelstoke Community Centre
600 Campbell Avenue, Revelstoke**
on: **Wednesday May 25, 2016**
from: **3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- and,
at: **District of Summerland Old Library Building,
9525 Wharton Street, Summerland**
on: **Thursday May 26, 2016**
from: **3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

There are 31 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the draft Application Information Requirements. The comment period will begin on Friday, May 20, 2016 and end on Monday, June 20, 2016.

All comments received during this comment period in relation to the Application Information Requirements will be considered.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed Project are identified for consideration as part of the assessment process. At this stage of the process, the primary intent is to receive feedback about the studies or information required for a comprehensive environmental assessment.

After taking public comments into account, EAO will finalize the Application Information Requirements and issue them to the Proponent.

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- **By Online Form at:**
<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca>
- **By Mail:**
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- **By Fax:**
Fax: 250-387-2208

An electronic copy of the Application Information Requirements and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca. Copies of the Application Information Requirements are also available for viewing at these locations:

- Okanagan Regional Library – Revelstoke Branch
600 Campbell Avenue, Revelstoke
- Okanagan Regional Library – Summerland Branch
9533 Main Street, Summerland

If you are unable to participate at this time, there will be an additional comment period during the Application Review stage when you will also be able to provide comments to EAO on the proposed Project.

NOTE: All submissions received by EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website.

