Dear Ms. Trevis and Mr. Moore:

RE: Public Comment on the Draft Hearing Procedures for the Site C Project (63919)

The City of Fort St. John appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Public Hearing Process as an Interested Party for BC Hydro’s proposed Site C Clean Energy Project.

During our review of the Draft Public Hearing Procedures, we have understood Topic Specific sessions to mean sessions that focus on Interested Parties with expert knowledge on the topic of the session. However, what is not clear is how the topic of the Topic Specific session will be chosen. The Draft Public Hearing Procedures state that “A list of topics to be discussed at these sessions will be confirmed at the time the schedule is released by the Panel.” A more descriptive and detailed explanation of how these topics are chosen should be given in the Public Hearing Procedures.

There are a number of topics that the City of Fort St John feels are of extreme importance to their interests, and therefore the City is concerned about how Topic Specific sessions may be chosen.

We are writing to seek clarification from you regarding this part of the process – please explain how the Topic Specific sessions will be determined? Can Interested Parties provide input into the topics of Topic Specific sessions?

Thank you for considering our request to better understand the Draft Public Hearing Procedures from the Site C Environmental Assessment Process. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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City of Fort St John