

Application to Amend Environmental Assessment Certificate, #E13-04, for the Narrows Inlet Hydro Project

Invitation to Comment

Narrows Inlet Hydro Holdings Corporation (Certificate Holder) submitted an application for an amendment of the Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) #E13-04 for the Narrows Inlet Hydro project (Project), issued on January 15, 2014, and amended on February 12, 2016 under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Project is located approximately 50 km north of Sechelt, BC. The Project is made up of three hydroelectric facilities located at Chickwat Creek, Upper Ramona Creek and Lower Ramona Creek, in the Tzoonie river valley and Narrows Inlet.

The application for amendment is focused on design changes of the Upper and Lower Ramona Creek hydroelectric facilities, and addressing omissions in the Project boundary and reflecting permit requirements. The following changes are proposed:

- Project design changes at Upper Ramona Creek
 - a. lake tap intake;
 - b. water conveyance system;
 - c. flow storage capacity and drawdown;
 - d. downstream flow release; and
 - e. instream flow requirement (IFR) release system.
- Project design changes at Lower Ramona Creek
 - a. Lower Ramona intake type;
 - b. R1 (Marten Creek) intake location; and
 - c. R1 (Marten Creek) maximum diversion rate.
- Revision to the Project boundary to encompass access roads to Chickwat Creek and entire transmission line corridor; and
- IFR schedule for Chickwat Creek facility.

The public comment period is 14-days. During this period, the public is invited to submit concerns regarding *new* or *additional* adverse impacts that might result from the proposed amendment.

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 changes are identified for consideration as part of the amendment process.

The comment period will begin on July 13, 2016, and conclude on July 27, 2016. All comments within the scope of the application for amendment will be considered as part of EAO's review.

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- **By Online Form at**
<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca>
- **By Mail:**
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An electronic copy of the Certificate Holder's application for amendment is available at:

EAO website:

https://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic_project_doc_list_313_k_ama.html.

Certificate Holder website:

www.blueearth.ca/narrowsinlet.

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

