

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE *ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT*, S.B.C. 2002, c. 43 (ACT)**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE #E09-03
ISSUED TO BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSMISSION CORPORATION (now the
BRITISH COLUMBIA HYDRO AND POWER AUTHORITY) (HOLDER) FOR THE
INTERIOR TO LOWER MAINLAND TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

**AMENDMENT #2 TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE #E09-03
(CERTIFICATE)**

WHEREAS:

- A. The Certificate was issued to the Holder on June 3, 2009, for the Interior to Lower Mainland Transmission Project (Project);
- B. The Certificate authorized the Holder to construct and operate the Project. The main components of the Project include:
 - A new 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line of approximately 248 km between the Nicola Substation (NIC) near Merritt, British Columbia, and the Meridian Substation (MDN) in Coquitlam, British Columbia;
 - A new 500 kV capacitor station at Ruby Creek;
 - A 500 kV termination at NIC, including a line termination structure, circuit breakers, 122.5 Mega Volt Ampere of reactive compensation, and associated equipment within the existing substation property boundaries; and
 - A 500 kV termination at MDN, including a line termination structure, circuit breakers, and associated equipment within the existing substation property boundaries.
- C. Condition 1 of the Certificate requires that the Holder must cause the Project to be designed, located, constructed, operated and decommissioned in accordance with the Conditions of the Certificate, the documents listed in Schedule A, and the Commitments in Schedule B, and must comply with all of the Conditions of the Certificate;
- D. On July 4, 2012, the Holder applied under section 19(1) of the Act for an amendment to the Certificate (Amendment Application) as follows:
 - Replacement of the Project alignment through Nodes F-F1-G1-H with the Spuzzum Realignment through Nodes F-G-H;
 - Addition of three 500 kV double-circuit towers, two within Spuzzum First Nation Reserve Papsilqua IR 2;

- Reduction in the overall length of the Project by 2.7 km from 247.7 km to 245 km; and
 - Reduction in the length of new Right-of-Way and clearing required for the Project.
- E. On October 15, 2012, Amendment #1 to the Certificate was granted, authorizing the Holder to replace of the Project alignment through Nodes F-F1-G1-H with the Spuzzum Realignment through Nodes F-G-H including;
- Addition of three 500 kV double-circuit towers, two within Spuzzum First Nation Reserve Papsilqua IR 2;
 - Reduction in the overall length of the Project by 2.7 km from 247.7 km to 245 km; and
 - Reduction in the length of new Right-of-Way and clearing required for the Project.
- F. March 26, 2013, the Holder requested Environmental Assessment Office to amend the Certificate to return the Spuzzum Realignment through Nodes F-G-H back to the original Project alignment through Nodes F-F1-G1-H.

NOW THEREFORE:

I order that the Certificate is amended as follows:

1. Amendment #1 to the Certificate dated October 15, 2012, is rescinded.



Dave Nikolejsin
Executive Director
Environmental Assessment Office

Issued this 3 day of May, 2013