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Dear Mr. Anstett:

On July 20, 2017, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) received a request from Progress Energy Canada Ltd. (Progress Energy) for a determination from the Executive Director that the Progress Energy Lily Dam (Lily Dam) does not require an environmental assessment certificate and may proceed without an assessment pursuant to Section 10(1)(b) of the British Columbia *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The EAO evaluated information provided by Progress Energy in support of this request, and referred the request and supporting information to an advisory working group comprised of Aboriginal Groups, local government and provincial government representatives. The EAO also held a public comment period on the exemption request.

After considering Progress Energy's request and supporting documentation, public and Working Group comments and the EAO Summary Evaluation Report that identifies legally binding project conditions, I have determined that the project will not have any significant adverse environmental, economic, social, heritage or health effects and that an environmental assessment certificate is therefore not required for Lily Dam. Progress Energy may proceed with Lily Dam without an environmental assessment, provided that the construction of upgrades, operations, and decommissioning of Lily Dam is carried out in accordance with Schedules A and B of the enclosed Section 10(1)(b) Order.

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Information regarding this decision is available on the EAO's website at: https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/p/progress-energy-lily-dam/docs?folder=1

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Morris, Project Assessment Manager, at Teresa.Morris@gov.bc.ca or by telephone at 778 698-9314.

With very best regards,

Kevin Jardine
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Enclosure (1)

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