BRITISH COLUMBIA ENERGY REGULATOR

November 5, 2026 Enforcement File: 2026-0095

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
PO Box 8910
Vancouver, BC V6B 4X3

Attention: Sabrina Penney

RE: Fail To Comply With Conditions Of An Authorization

Dear Sabrina Penny,

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) holds short term water use authorization AD#100122537, issued July 26, 2026, valid from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2028, under the Water Sustainability Act. This authorization applies to Sinkut Lake, Sinkut River and the Nechako River. The authorization contains 11 conditions, including the following:

Lake level must be monitored before and during water withdrawals. The "drawdown level" is hereby no more than 0.10 metres from the established level at the commencement of the short term water use approval. Water withdrawal must cease if the drawdown level equals or exceeds 0.10 metres. Water withdrawals may only resume when the water level has risen above the drawdown level. The results of this monitoring must be maintained by the Permit Holder and made available to the BC Energy Regulator upon request.

Water withdrawal from POD #001 (Sinkut Lake), POD #002 (Sinkut River) and POD #003 (Nechako River) during the period of July 1 - August 31 is not authorized when the stream temperature average in the Nechako River measured at the Vanderhoof Water Survey Canada station number 08JC001 is equal to or above 18 degrees Celsius the day preceding withdrawal. The Permit Holder must maintain a record of this data for any withdrawals undertaken during this time period and provide this information to the BCER upon request

On August 31, 2026, BC Hydro submitted a self-disclosure to the Regulator. BC Hydro reported their contractor, Duz Cho Construction Ltd. had withdrawn 76m3 of water from Sinkut Lake between August 26, 2026, and August 27, 2026, without first checking the stream temperature average in the Nechako River measured at the Vanderhoof Water Survey Canada station number(#08JC001) to ensure the temperature was 18 degrees Celsius or less in the day preceding withdrawal. The stream temperature average for August 25, 2026, and August 26, 2026 exceeded 20 degrees Celsius.

BC Hydro also report their contractor had failed to monitor the level of Sinkut Lake prior to withdrawing water from the lake.

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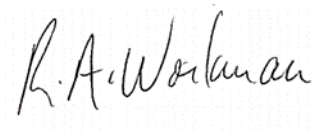
Upon discovery BC Hydro halted water withdrawal and provided preventative measures to their contractor to prevent future authorization non-compliance including installing gauges to monitor Sinkut Lake levels and discontinued use of water withdrawal until in compliance with the authorization condition regarding stream temperature average requirements.

Given all the circumstances, BC Hydro is warned for the following:

BC Hydro, between August 26, 2026, and August 27, 2026, at or near Vanderhoof in the Province of BC did fail to comply with a condition of an authorization to withdraw water from Sinkut Lake when the stream temperature average in the Nechako River measured at the Vanderhoof Water Survey Canada station(# 08JC001) exceeded 18 degrees Celsius the day preceding withdrawal contrary to section 106(3)(k) of the Water Sustainability Act.

BC Hydro between August 26, 2026, and August 27, 2026, at or near Vanderhoof in the Province of BC did fail to comply with a condition of an authorization to withdraw water from Sinkut Lake prior to monitoring the lake level contrary to section 106(3)(k) of the Water Sustainability Act.

Sincerely,



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