

July 28, 2026

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
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Attention: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority

RE: Determination of Application Number 100122856

Permit Holder: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Date of Issuance: July 28, 2026
Effective Date: July 28, 2026
Application Submission Date: July 14, 2026
Application Determination Number: 100122856
Amendment Application Number: 100122927

Authorizations and Conditions

Authorizations

Forest Act

1. The BC Energy Regulator pursuant to section 47.4 of the *Forest Act*, hereby authorizes the removal of Crown timber from the activity area under the cutting permit(s) associated with the Master Licence(s) as follows:

Master Licence to Cut No.: M02787
Cutting Permit No.: 002
Timber Mark No.: MTE342
Total Area (Hectares): 168.51
Forest District: (DVA) Stuart Nechako Natural Resource District
Region: Interior

2. The term of the cutting permit is four years. The cutting permit is deemed spent upon submission of the post-construction plan or the cancellation or expiry of activities authorized under the permit.

Conditions

Notification

3. A notice of construction start must be submitted, as per the relevant BC Energy Regulator process at the time of submission, at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of activities under this permit.
4. The Permit Holder must notify the First Nation(s) copied on this permit at least 15 (fifteen) working days prior to project commencement.

Clearing/Forest Act

5. The permit holder is permitted to fell any trees located on Crown land within 1.5 tree lengths of the activity area that are considered to be a safety hazard according to Workers Compensation Act regulations and must be felled in order to eliminate the hazard. Trees or portions of these trees that can be accessed from the activity area without causing damage to standing timber may be harvested. A wildlife/danger tree assessment must be kept on record and must be provided to the BC Energy Regulator upon request.
6. The holder of the cutting permit must pay to the government, stumpage and any waste billing determined in accordance with the terms of this authorization.
7. The authorized cutting permit does not grant the permit holder the exclusive right to harvest Crown timber from the activity area. Authority to harvest some or all of the timber may be granted to other persons. The permit holder's right to harvest timber applies to any timber found on the site at the time they undertake harvesting activities.
8. All harvested Crown Timber must be marked with the cutting permit(s) associated Timber Mark.
9. Stumpage for cutting permits shall be determined in strict accordance with the Coast or Interior Appraisal Manuals, as amended from time to time. Permit holders are required to comply with all provisions set out in these manuals.

Environmental

10. The permit holder must implement appropriate measures to minimize the obstruction of wildlife movement across the activity area during construction and operations.
11. The permit holder must ensure that any Crown land within the activity area is maintained free of garbage, debris and derelict equipment
12. The Permit Holder must implement and maintain an invasive and noxious weed management program that is developed by a Qualified Professional (QP). The program must include ongoing invasive plant assessment, treatment, and monitoring, and must incorporate adaptive management to respond to monitoring results and changing site conditions as needed to effectively control invasive plant species. Any proposed changes to the invasive and noxious weed management program must be submitted to the BC Energy Regulator for review and acceptance prior to implementation. The Permit Holder must maintain an invasive plant compliance record and make this record available to the BC Energy Regulator upon request. The record must be shared annually with the First Nations copied on this permit.
13. A machine-free buffer zone extending 5 metres from non-classified drainages or non-classified wetlands must be clearly flagged and maintained prior to and during removal of vegetation from riparian areas.
14. Riparian areas for all classified waterbodies (streams, wetlands and lakes) intersected by the project must be clearly flagged. Vegetation removal from the riparian areas adjacent to classified water bodies and wetlands shall include the following mitigation measures:
 - a. A minimum 15 m distance from top of bank or edge of wetland must be clearly flagged and maintained as a machine-free zone.
 - b. Unless required for access, retain any trees, shrubs, and vegetation that can safely coexist with the operating Transmission Line.
 - c. Machine track entry into the machine-free zone is prohibited, unless:
 - i. The Contractor's Qualified Professional (QP) determines manual treatments are not possible for safety reasons. Whenever the Contractor's QP determines manual work is unsafe, that decision must be recorded in the Weekly Environmental Monitoring Report (WEMR) for each site including the QP's rationale of their decision and any additional monitoring or mitigation measures to be applied. The WEMR must be made available to BCER upon request; or
 - ii. The Contractor's QP determines that frozen ground conditions and snowpack are sufficient to prevent any soil disturbance within the riparian area. Whenever a QP makes this determination, it must be recorded in the WEMR for each site including the QP's rationale of their decision and any

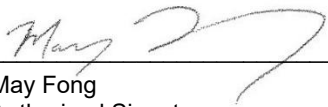
additional monitoring or mitigation measures to be applied. The WEMR must be made available to BCER upon request.

- d. Removal and impacts upon low-growing shrubs or grasses within the riparian machine-free zone must be avoided.
 - e. Activities must not result in soil or root disturbance in machine-free zones.
 - f. Felled trees must not span across the water body or be left below the high-water mark unless otherwise prescribed in writing by the Contractors' QP and documented in a WEMR that must be made available to BCER upon request.
 - g. Cutting outside of machine-free zones must not result in material adverse effects within machine-free zones.
15. A Qualified Professional shall be present prior to clearing activities to ensure impacts to the following values are considered, and, if identified, avoided or mitigated
- a. old forest protection and recruitment,
 - b. moose and moose habitat,
 - c. aquatic ecosystems (aquatic and riparian ecosystems),
 - d. grizzly bear habitat, and
 - e. caribou and caribou habitat.

Advisory Guidance

- 1. Unless a condition or its context suggests otherwise, terms used in this approval have the same meaning as the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation under the Energy Resource Activities Act.
- 2. The Permit Holder should adhere to and implement the mitigations and procedures described in the CEMP, as amended from time to time, as related to the Permitted Activities.
- 3. All reporting provided to BCER should be provided concurrently to First Nations listed on this permit.

All pages included in this permit and any attached documents form an integral part of this permit.



May Fong
Authorized Signatory
BC Energy Regulator Delegated Decision Maker

Copied to:

First Nations – Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, Nadleh Whut'en First Nation (CSTC), Nazko First Nation, Saik'uz First Nation (CSTC) & Stelat'en First Nation (CSTC)
Ministry of Forests District Office - (DVA) Stuart Nechako Natural Resource District