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Dear Mr. Gourdeau:

Re: Application for the proposed Glacier/Howser Project pursuant to the *Environmental Assessment Act* – First Nation Consultation Assessment and Public Consultation Assessment

The purpose of this letter is to provide a written assessment of the adequacy of:

- the First Nation consultations carried out to date and the proposed process for future First Nation consultation during the Application review period, and
- the public consultations carried out to date and the proposed public consultation program proposed for the Application review period, for the proposed Glacier/Howser Project (proposed Project).

The Order issued to Purcell Green Power Inc. (Proponent) under section 11 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* on June 26, 2007, specified in Part E that the application for an environmental assessment certificate (Application) must include:

- a summary of consultations with First Nations that the Proponent has already carried out in relation to the proposed Project;
- a proposal for a consultation process with First Nations that the Proponent plans to carry out for purposes of the review of the Application;
- a summary and evaluation of public consultation activities that the Proponent has already carried out in relation to the proposed Project; and,
- a proposal for a public consultation program that the Proponent plans to carry out for purposes of the review of the Application.

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A. First Nation Consultation

Volume 1a, sections 2.2.1, 2.3.1, and Volume 1b, section 12 of the Application provides a summary of consultations to date and outlines how the Proponent intends to consult with First Nations during the Application review period. The EAO is satisfied that the Proponent has met the requirements of the Order for this stage of the review process.

The EAO supports consultation processes that are flexible and designed to meet the needs of each First Nation and aim to maximize collaborative problem solving. I understand that consultation with First Nations has been underway for some time and is continuing. Please ensure that you gather and document First Nation views and information consistent with Section 15.4 of the Order.

The EAO has reviewed the First Nation consultation proposed for the Application review period and is satisfied with the measures proposed by the Proponent, providing that implementation of these measures continues to be consistent with section 15 of the Order. The EAO has reviewed comments received from First Nations and considered them in relation to the adequacy of the proposed consultation. Please be aware that EAO will continue to consult with First Nations during the Application review in order to obtain additional comments and will notify the Proponent of any concerns identified by First Nations about the consultation approach being used; amended or additional consultation measures may then be required.

B. Public Consultation

Volume 1a, sections 2.2.6, and 2.3.6 of the Application provides a summary of consultations to date and outlines how the Proponent intends to consult with the public during the Application review period, including distributing the Application to public libraries and other accessible locations, hosting public open houses, meeting with interested parties upon request, and preparing responses to public submissions.

The EAO supports the measures proposed in the Proponent's public consultation plan and notes that it is important to ensure that the Proponent undertakes efforts to systematically gather, consider and respond to all comments from the public. This information should be included in the Proponent's written report on the results of public consultation activities (pursuant to section 16.3 of the Order).

The EAO will work with the Proponent's representatives to confirm dates and advertising requirements for the public comment period and open houses (pursuant to sections 5 and 16 of the Order).

The Proponent must respond to all comments received during the public comment period within 21 days of the close of the public comment period. The written report on the results of public consultation activities pursuant to section 16.3 of the Order is also required within 21 days of the close of the public comment. The EAO will advise you at a future date on the timing for providing the written report on the results of First Nation consultation activities for the purposes of section 15.5 of the Order.

The EAO may, subsequent to this written assessment and where issues warrant, specify additional consultation measures for the Proponent to complete during the Application review phase. Please contact me at 250-387-9675 or contact Steve McNaughton, Project Assessment Officer, at 250-387-5838 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garry Alexander".

Garry Alexander
Project Assessment Director

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Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency