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**Attention:** Mark Pendergraft  
Board Chair, Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen  
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By: Email

**Re: Revelstoke Unit 6 Project Update**

Dear Mr. Pendergraft,

Demand for electricity in BC is growing faster than anticipated and we need new supply to meet this demand. We've issued a Call for Power for new sources of clean and renewable electricity and are working to advance other generation sources, including installing the sixth generating unit at Revelstoke Generating Station. The 500 MW of capacity that the sixth unit would provide would help support electrification, help meet peak demand year-round, and support the addition of renewable energy sources to our system.

We obtained an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) for the Revelstoke Unit 6 project (Rev 6), which includes a new capacitor station near Summerland, in 2018. However, when the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) was submitted it didn't identify a need for the sixth unit in the next 20 years and, as a result, we cancelled the project. Given recent increases in demand, we re-assessed the need for additional resources and filed an [updated IRP](#) in June 2023. The updated IRP identified Rev 6 as a potential cost-effective alternative to help address demand through use of clean or renewable resources.

In November 2023 we applied to extend the Rev 6 EAC by five years to November 2028 and have recently submitted to the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) the information required to support the proposed extension. Consultation with First Nations was a key part of preparing this information. The EAO will now initiate and lead a review process for the supplemental information, and we'll continue to work with the Nations and engage with local and regional governments and communities as the project advances.

We'll also continue to advance project planning to ensure we can meet the extension conditions if the extension is granted. This will include identifying and updating other permits or authorizations that may require amendment and identifying a construction start date. We'll also work to understand and address any changes in the communities which may affect the commitments associated with the project.



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Please contact me at [debra.lamash@bchydro.com](mailto:debra.lamash@bchydro.com) or 604-318-4658 if you have any questions or comments or would like to meet to discuss our work on Rev 6. We look forward to working with you as this project advances.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra Lamash", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Cc: Susan Edgell, Community Relations, BC Hydro