From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 10:04 AM

To: Tom Fletcher; Shaw, Rob; Smart, Amy (Times-Colonist); 'Hunter, Justine'

Cc:Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EXSubject:Audio of Mungall scrum.

Attachments: Mungall -_0.amr

All. As requested attached is audio of scrum. Cheers.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 8:44 AM

To: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX

Subject: Draft Statement - Preliminary Report

Colin.Grewar@gov.bc.ca

Attachments: Site C Review_MMM Statement_Preliminary Report_Sep15_831am LM.DOCX

Draft statement attached (has been approved by Les). David sent this up to the MO for their consideration on Friday.

Colin



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STATEMENT

For Immediate Release [Release Number] [Date] Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

BCUC releases preliminary report on Site C review

VICTORIA – Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Michelle Mungall has issued the following statement on the preliminary report of the Site C review that was released today by the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC):

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For information on the Site C review, visit: http://www.sitecinquiry.com/

Contact:

Suntanu Dalal Media Relations Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Ph. 250 952- 0628

From: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 12:59 PM

To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX

Cc: Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX; Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: Draft Media Plan...

Attachments: MP_BCUC Site C Preliminary Report_Sept18_12pm.docx

From: Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 12:17 PM

To: Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX; Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: Draft Media Plan...

Thanks guys. Can we update as much as possible so we have this document at the ready EOD? I believe David said EOD was OK. Thanks.

From: Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 12:15 PM

To: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX Cc: Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX Subject: RE: Draft Media Plan...

Looks good Suntanu. I called Mora and she is putting together some bullets on BC Hydro's strategy and some KMs which she promised by later today.

I have also asked our program area contact if she has any information on when the BCUC will deliver its report to government, and when it will be posted on the BCUC website. Haven't heard back yet.

Colin



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Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 12:10 PM

To: Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX
Cc: Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX
Subject: Draft Media Plan...

Hi Colin,

Draft Media Plan for your thoughts.

Thanks,

Suntanu Dalal Media Relations Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources 250-952-0628 Page 07 to/à Page 08

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From: Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 8:47 AM

To: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Preliminary Report KM's

Colin.Grewar@gov.bc.ca

As discussed – abbreviated KMs below



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Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 3:42 PM

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Cc: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX; Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

Subject: Preliminary Report KM's

Lori – as requested we've tightened up MMM KMs on the preliminary report. Including Don and Tim. Happy to adjust.

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To: Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX; Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX; Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX

Subject: Fw: Preliminary Report

Fyi below.

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From: <u>David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca</u>

Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 3:55 PM To: Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX; Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX

Cc: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Preliminary Report

Thx.

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From: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 4:35 PM

To: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX Subject: KMs: Preliminary Report

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Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 4:17 PM

To: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX; Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX; Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: Preliminary Report

Oops. Fyi below.

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Tim GCPE:EX

Cc: Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX; MacLaren, Les MEM:EX

Subject: Fw: Preliminary Report

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ADVICE TO MINISTER

CONFIDENTIAL GCPE-MEM ISSUE NOTE

Ministry of Energy and Mines Date: Sep. 20, 2017

Minister Responsible: Hon. Michelle Mungall

SITE C REVIEW – BCUC PRELIMINARY REPORT

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ADVICE TO MINISTER

Next Steps in BCUC Review Process:

The BCUC has set a deadline of Oct. 4, 2017 for BC Hydro to provide all the additional information and analysis it has requested.

The preliminary report will provide the foundation for a series of community input sessions and First Nations input sessions:

Community Input Sessions:

- Vancouver: Saturday, Sept. 23, 1:00-5:00 p.m. 1125 Howe Street, 12th floor
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- Kelowna: Monday, Sept. 25, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Kelowna Coast Capri
- Nelson: Tuesday, Sept. 26, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Nelson Best Western Hotel
- Prince George: Friday, Sept. 29, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Prince George Ramada Hotel
- Hudson's Hope Saturday, Sept. 30, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Pearkes Centre
- Fort St. John Sunday, Oct. 1, 6:00–10:00 p.m. Fort St. John Pomeroy Hotel
- Fort St. John Monday, Oct. 2, 6:00–10:00 p.m. Fort St. John Pomeroy Hotel
- Vancouver Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:00–10:00 p.m. 1125 Howe Street, 12th floor
- Nanaimo Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:00–10:00 p.m. Nanaimo Coast Bastion Hotel
- Victoria Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6:00–10:00 p.m. Delta Ocean Pointe Hotel

BCUC-hosted First Nations Input Sessions:

- Prince George: Friday, Sept. 29, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Prince George Ramada Hotel
- Fort St. John: Tuesday, Oct. 3, 10:00-2:00 p.m. Fort St. John Pomeroy Hotel
- Vancouver: Friday, Oct. 6, 10:00–12:00 p.m. 1125 Howe Street, 12th Floor
- Victoria Wednesday, Oct. 11, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Delta Ocean Pointe Hotel

These sessions will be transcribed and videotaped and made available on the BCUC website.

Following these input sessions BCUC will afford BC Hydro and select interested parties with the opportunity to provide response to its preliminary report:

Oct. 11: Planned filing for BC Hydro reply to the BCUC preliminary report (TBC) Oct. 12/13: Final Oral Arguments (TBC)

The panel's final report will be submitted to Government on November 1, 2017.

Communications Contact: Colin Grewar 250-952-0650
Program Area Contact: Les MacLaren 250-952-0204

File Created: Sep. 20, 2017

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Cc: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX; Pillon, Lawrence

Subject: Media approach

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Suntanu GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

Subject: Media Plan

Attachments: MP BCUC Site C Preliminary Report Sept18 436pm.docx

BCH KM's now in attached.

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Subject: Draft Media Plan

All – attached is a draft media plan as discussed. Still waiting on BCH KM's. My expectation is they will be similar to government's. Will send update when they arrive. On the timelines for the report, I note:

- Given the tight timelines and last minute edits, the BCUC has advised that the Preliminary report likely won't be posted to its website until late on Wednesday, September 20th. At this time, the BCUC is not able to commit to any timelines but have promised to keep MEMPR program staff posted as the day progresses on Wednesday.
- The BCUC chair indicated they are in the polishing phase on the report and offered to send an embargoed copy tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon (time TBD).

BCUC Site C Review Preliminary Report Media Plan Rollout For September 20, 2017

Summary:

- The B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC) will be making its preliminary report on its review of Site C public by posting it to the BCUC's Site C Inquiry website (http://www.sitecinquiry.com/).
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Roll-Out:

Time	Activities & Details
Tuesday, Sept. 19	BCUC provides government with an embargoed copy of the report.
Time: Afternoon (TBD)	
Wednesday, Sept. 20	The report is posted by the BCUC to its Site C Inquiry website
Time: Late afternoon (TBD)	(http://www.sitecinquiry.com/).
Wednesday, Sept. 20	GCPE responds reactively to the release of the BCUC report as media
Time: TBD	requests come in by providing a written statement from Minister Mungall.
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Subject: RE: Media Plan - Preliminary Report

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Sent: 2017, September 18 3:26 PM

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Cc: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX

Subject: Media Plan - Preliminary Report

Hi Mora: Further to our phone conversation this morning, just wondering about the status of our request for bullets and KMs on your media strategy for the release of the preliminary report on Site C. Want to include it in our media plan which we need to move up today.

Thanks, Colin



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Suntanu GCPE:EX; Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: Preliminary Report - minor edits to background section

Attachments: IN_Site C_Review_BCUC_Preliminary_Report_Sep20_324pm_LM.DOCX

Apologies – a few minor typos in the background section. Note sections below and corrections highlighted: s.13,s.17

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Subject: RE: Release Time of BCUC Preliminary Report

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Les

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX

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Colin GCPE:EX; MacLaren, Les MEM:EX; Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX; Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX

Subject: Release Time of BCUC Preliminary Report

All – just learned from BCUC communications director that the report is likely going to be released "outside" of business hours today. At the very least late today within business hours – but very unlikely. Reporters calling BCUC are being told that. Gallery reporters are reaching out to us seeking comment. Recommend following for gallery in the halls:

I look forward to the report and will be happy to provide comments when the report is public.

It's important that we respect the review process and the independence of the BCUC.

I can say at this time that the public meetings begin in a few days and I encourage people to participate and share their views with the BCUC.

Coms staff in the halls should manage the expectations of the reporters that the minister's comments (likely tomorrow in halls or via email) will continue to respect independence of the BCUC. Below are the high level KMs. I've included Don/Tim and Stephanie as well as EMPR ADM and DM so all in the loop.

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Subject: RE: Site C interim report

Needs to happen 1130 am today to address below expectation from HQ via Don Zadravec:

Hi David, can you touch base with your MO regarding the response to the Site interim report. We need to put together a couple page media plan regarding how and when government will be responding, including key messages, timing and who.

From: Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 10:25 AM

To: McNish, James EMPR:EX; Winstanley, Lori EMPR:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX

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I think that 11:30 today should work

From: McNish, James EMPR:EX

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 10:25 AM

To: Winstanley, Lori EMPR:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX

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Alternatively if that doesn't work we do have time held for tomorrow at 4pm

From: Winstanley, Lori EMPR:EX

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 10:17 AM

To: Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; McNish, James EMPR:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX

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Why don't we do 11:30 before QP prac

From: Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 9:07 AM

To: Winstanley, Lori EMPR:EX; McNish, James EMPR:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX

Subject: Site C interim report

Hi team,

Hoping we can find time today to talk over plans/expectations for the release of the interim report on Site C.

Is there some time that you would be available for me to pop up? (I'm not thinking of time with the Minister at this point – just want to plug into planning that you have been doing).

Thanks,

Tim Howlett Issues Manager Strategic Issues Division, GCPE 250.208.4828

From: Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 11:14 AM

To: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX; Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX

Subject:Site C_WednesdayAttachments:Site C_Wednesday.docx

I think you can work details into this as doc for what we discussed.

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BCUC Site C Review Preliminary Report Media Plan Rollout For September 20, 2017

Summary:

- The B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC) will be making its preliminary report on its review of Site C public by posting it to the BCUC's Site C Inquiry website (http://www.sitecinquiry.com/).
- The BCUC initiated the inquiry into the Site C project, as directed by government in an OIC on Aug. 2, 2017.
- Government will respond to media requests by providing a written statement from Minister Mungall on a reactive basis.
- BC Hydro will continue to provide holding lines and direct reporters with questions to their Aug. 30th submission to the BCUC review.
- BC Hydro plans to respond in writing to the preliminary report towards the end of the public comment phase of the review (which ends Oct. 11). BC Hydro will not provide new information in the meantime.

Roll-Out:

Time	Activities & Details
Tuesday, Sept. 19	BCUC provides government with an embargoed copy of the report.
Time: Afternoon (TBD)	
Wednesday, Sept. 20	The report is posted by the BCUC to its Site C Inquiry website
Time: Late afternoon (TBD)	(http://www.sitecinquiry.com/).
Wednesday, Sept. 20	GCPE responds reactively to the release of the BCUC report as media
Time: TBD	requests come in by providing a written statement from Minister Mungall.
Wednesday, Sept 20	BC Hydro responds reactively to the release of the BCUC report as media
Time: TBD	requests come in.

Key Messages - British Columbia (messaging from Minister Mungall's written statement):

- Our government has asked the BCUC to examine the financial impact on BC Hydro ratepayers associated with continuing, suspending or terminating the Site C project.
- The previous government refused to allow our independent energy watchdog to examine the project to determine if it was in the public interest. That was wrong. We sent the project to the BCUC to ensure we make the right decision for B.C. families and to keep rate hydro rates affordable.
- In accordance with the terms of reference for the review, the BCUC has released a preliminary report. The report is based on more than 100 submissions received from interested individuals and organizations, BC Hydro, and Deloitte LLP, an independent contractor hired by the BCUC to help with its analysis.
- Now it's time for the public and First Nations to have their say.
- The preliminary report is available for viewing on BCUC's website, and I would encourage all British Columbians to read it. Over the next three weeks, the BCUC will hold 11 community input sessions

in nine different communities to give the public a chance to comment on the preliminary report. The public can also submit comments online. A schedule of dates and locations, and instructions for those interested in participating can be found on the BCUC website.

- The BCUC will also hold First Nations input sessions in four different communities. The public is welcome to attend but speaking spots at these sessions are available only for First Nations.
- The BCUC will consider comments from the public and First Nations in the preparation of its final report, which is due on Nov. 1, 2017.
- This is an independent review by the BCUC. I want to respect that process, so I will not make any comment at this time on the contents of the preliminary report.
- Once we have the final report, government will consider the advice from the BCUC, along with other
 environmental and First Nations considerations, and make a final decision on the future of Site C in a
 timely manner.
- Many lives are on hold as the review process continues, especially in the Northeast, so we have set
 extremely tight timelines for the BCUC. I want to thank the BCUC and everyone who has made
 submissions to date for their hard work and for helping to keep the review on schedule as we work
 together to ensure we make the right decision on the Site C project.

Key Messages – BC Hydro (in response to the release of the BCUC's preliminary report):

- BC Utilities Commission delivered its interim report on Site C today. We are taking time to carefully
 review their findings, and we will be responding in writing to the BC Utilities Commission's findings
 in October.
- We filed our submission to the BCUC on Aug. 30. That submission and related documents are available on the Site C Project website and the BCUC website.