

British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office Invites the Public to Comment on the Glacier/Howser Project Draft Terms of Reference

The B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) invites the public to comment on the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Glacier/Howser Project (Project).

Purcell Green Power Inc. (Proponent) is proposing to build, own and operate two hydroelectric facilities on the east side of Duncan Reservoir in the Regional District of Central Kootenay, approximately 15 kilometres north of Meadow Creek. The facilities would divert water from Glacier and Howser Creeks, and have a combined capacity that may reach 125 MW. The Project includes a 230 kV transmission line that would cross the Purcell Mountain range and interconnect to a substation located in the Regional District of East Kootenay, six kilometres west of Invermere.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act*, S.B.C. 2002, c.43. The purpose of the draft ToR is to identify the information that the Proponent must include in its application for an environmental assessment certificate.

A 38-day public comment period will begin on July 13, 2007 and end on August 20, 2007. Form letters, petitions

or other submissions that only state a position for or against a given project cannot be considered. Written comments received **by midnight on August 20, 2007** will be considered. After taking public comments into consideration, the EAO will finalize the ToR and issue them to the Proponent.

Please send your comments to:

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Comments by e-mail are encouraged and may be directed to Glacier.Howser@gov.bc.ca

An electronic copy of the draft ToR, as well as information regarding the environmental assessment process, is available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca

Copies of the draft ToR are available at public libraries in Kaslo, Invermere, Nelson, Castlegar and Cranbrook.

NOTE: All submissions received by the EAO regarding this Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website in their original form. Third party material, such as full newspaper or journal articles, cannot be posted because of copyright laws. If you do not want your address and/or e-mail address and telephone number posted to the EAO website, please indicate this with your comments.

