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Via Email: Toby.Seward@nanaimo.ca

Dear Mr. Seward:

Re: Middle Chase River Dam – Potential Safety Hazard Conceptual Plan

Thank you for your letter dated December 23, 2015, including the attached Golder Associates “Conceptual Plan for Dam Safety Analysis of the Middle Dam” (letter to the City dated December 21, 2015), which together outline a plan for assessment of the safety hazards for the Middle Colliery (Chase River) Dam. The City proposes this as an approach to meeting the requirements of Section 2(a) of the Comptroller of Water Rights’ April 29, 2015 Order (the “Order”).

Our office has reviewed your letter along with the Golder Associates “Conceptual Plan for Dam Safety Analysis of the Middle Dam”. While the information and plan provided appear to meet the intent of the Order, we think it important to ensure that this office has a full understanding of what is being proposed. To that end, we would like to have an in-person meeting between our office, yourself and Golder Associates sometime in the next two weeks to discuss the plan and what is being proposed. Please note that information provided by the City during this meeting may be used by the Comptroller in determining whether the “Conceptual Plan for Dam Safety Analysis of the Middle Dam” meets the requirements of Section 2(a) of the Order.

Please contact Linda Siperka at 250-952-6790 or email at linda.siperka@gov.bc.ca to set up a meeting. We would prefer to have the meeting in Victoria however we may be able to arrange to meet with you and your consultant in Nanaimo if necessary.

Yours truly,

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Comptroller of Water Rights

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