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\$12.1-MILLION CARBON CAPTURE PROJECT TO CUT EMISSIONS

VICTORIA – The Province is advancing carbon capture and storage (CCS) research and development by contributing \$3.4 million to a feasibility project in northeast B.C. that will cost an estimated \$12.1 million, Richard Neufeld, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, announced today.

“Carbon capture and storage represents an important opportunity to help achieve the emissions cuts that will reduce B.C.’s greenhouse gas emissions by 33 per cent by 2020,” said Neufeld. “B.C. is leading in climate action and clean energy production by investing in innovative technologies and long-term solutions in partnership with the industry.”

The Province is providing Spectra Energy Transmission with \$3.4 million for carbon capture and storage research and development at the Fort Nelson gas processing plant. The funding will support an exploratory project to permanently store carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulfide in a reservoir two kilometres underground.

“We applaud the Province for its leadership in this area,” said Doug Bloom, president of Spectra Energy Transmission West. “With their support, we will evaluate the geological, technical and economic feasibility of a large-scale CCS project associated with our Fort Nelson gas plant.”

This project is consistent with the BC Energy Plan goals to encourage the development of new technologies to establish measures and to reduce air emissions in co-ordination with the Ministry of Environment.

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