Regional politics, international dreams

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What are the drivers of hydro-electric development? What are the influences of domestic politics? In what ways are they international?

THE MAIN IDEA
Highlight certain perspectives through historical examples
Provide a contemporary example

EXPLORING THE QUESTIONS
Theory: State-building, but often in a regional context

HISTORICAL EXAMPLES
Grand coulee dam

“The organic machine” by Richard White 1995
Dams on the Colombia River

Source: www.thefullwiki.org/Columbia_River
Hydro-electric development

CONTEMPORARY EXAMPLE
La Romaine, Québec

Source: Hydro Québec
CONCLUSIONS, QUESTIONS
Large dams: vision and reality

Source: Compiled and modified by Forest (2010) from The Ralph M. Parsons Company (1964, 122)