

BC HYDRO CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dear Customers,

Further to the April Construction Update for the Merritt Area Transmission (MAT) Project, site preparation for the Merritt Substation upgrade is nearing completion, and civil construction (including concrete foundations and a new building) for the upgrade is scheduled to begin in August.

Upcoming activities include (see map on following page for reference):

ACTIVITY	DETAILS	SCHEDULE*
		(subject to change)
Relocation of underground water main	 An underground water main (City of Merritt) crosses the southeast corner of the substation upgrade area The underground water main is being shifted south to accommodate the expanded substation 	• Completion by late July 2013 (Updated - previously May 2013)
Site preparation for the substation upgrade area (within fence line of substation upgrade – blue line on map on following page)	 Surveying activities COMPLETE Clearing all vegetation COMPLETE Excavating and adding structural fill material as required, achieving level grades Building drainage systems Installing retaining walls Removing/relocating existing fencing COMPLETE 	Completion by early August 2013 (Updated - previously late June 2013)
Civil construction for the substation upgrade (within fence line of substation upgrade – blue line on map on following page)	 Installing permanent fencing around the substation upgrade area Installing concrete foundations for all electrical equipment Building a new control building 	Mid-August 2013 to April 2014

All work at the substation is planned to meet the City of Merritt's noise bylaw (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday to Sunday) and within regular construction hours as follows:

- o Monday to Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- o Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- At this time the contractor does not plan to work outside of the hours above, however unexpected conditions may arise resulting in work needing to be conducted at those times.

Installation of electrical equipment at the Merritt Substation will tentatively begin in November 2013. Construction of the new transmission line within Merritt City limits is tentatively scheduled to start in late spring 2014.

^{*} The anticipated duration of work is based on similar project experience. The project team will work to effectively manage the schedule, however, unexpected conditions could arise which may result in work taking longer than anticipated.

