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Dear Neighbour:

### **Re: Peace Region Electricity Supply Project Update**

As you may remember, as a part of the Peace Region Electricity Supply (PRES) Project we are planning to build two parallel 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines between the future Site C Substation near Fort St John and the existing Groundbirch Substation, located about 30 km east of Chetwynd.

We want to update you on the status of the project and our upcoming activities.

#### **What work is taking place?**

Over the spring and summer, we completed investigative work to help us develop the route and design for the transmission lines. We completed the centerline survey of the proposed route as well as archeological and environmental surveys. We also developed clearing and access plans.

Our proposed route is located on Provincial Crown land. In November 2017, we submitted an application to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development for a statutory right-of-way for the route with a Licence of Occupation to start construction in mid-2018.

Before construction starts, we will continue with investigative work to confirm geotechnical conditions along the proposed route and prepare for procurement of construction contracts.

#### **Where is this happening?**

The proposed transmission line route is located between the future Site C Substation near Fort St John and the Groundbirch Substation, located about 30 km east of Chetwynd. The route is approximately 58 kilometres long and is shown on the enclosed map.

#### **Why is this project needed?**

Electricity demand in the South Peace region is increasing as a result of natural gas exploration and development in the area. The PRES Project will help to ensure that we can reliably provide electricity to our industrial customers who want to power their facilities with clean energy. The project will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by facilitating industries and businesses in using clean electricity rather than fossil fuels to power their equipment and operations.

#### **When will construction start?**

We expect to start construction on the PRES Project in mid-2018 and be finished around 2022.

We'll continue to keep you informed as this project moves forward. You can also visit [bchydro.com/pres](http://bchydro.com/pres) for more information, or contact us at [stakeholderengagement@bchydro.com](mailto:stakeholderengagement@bchydro.com) or 1 866 647 3334.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan C. Harris".

Megan Harris  
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Encl.: Peace Region Electricity Supply (PRES) Project Proposed Route

# Peace Region Electricity Supply Project

## Proposed Route

