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New substation, overhead transmission line for Fort St. John area nears completion

November 17, 2006; Fort St. John The new Fox Creek Substation, built to service communities north of Fort St. John, will help to ensure that electricity needs in the region continue to be met safely and reliably, Hon. Richard Neufeld, minister of energy, mines and petroleum resources and MLA for Peace River North announced today, along with representatives from BC Transmission Corporation and BC Hydro.

“I am pleased that the BC Transmission Corporation will complete the transmission line and Fox Creek substation on time and on budget,” said Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Richard Neufeld. “By upgrading and reinforcing our transmission infrastructure we have ensured that residents of the North Peace will enjoy the same reliable supply of electricity as the rest of the province.”

“BC Transmission Corporation is pleased with the timely and successful completion of this project,” said Julius Pataky, BCTC’s vice-president of system planning and asset management. “I’d like to congratulate the project team, who are bringing the project in – on time and on budget – despite challenges with the weather, terrain and short building season.”

"As the economy in Northern BC continues to grow, we want to be able to assure a reliable power supply for customers in the region," said Gary Rodford, BC Hydro’s senior vice-president, field operations. "We are very proud of the process that brought us to today. Active consultation with local First Nations, stakeholders and customers allowed needs be balanced on all sides, to see this project through to completion."

The Fort St. John Area reinforcement project comprises a new 138/25 kilovolt substation located near 272nd and Prespatou roads in the Buick Creek area north of Fort St John, and a new 57 km long, 138 kilovolt overhead transmission line. The new transmission line interconnects with the existing 138 kilovolt transmission line (Circuit 1L364 from GM Shrum generating station to Fort St. John substation) west of Fort St John and will carry transmission voltage to the new substation, where it will be transformed to a lower voltage and then distributed to residents and businesses. Construction of the transmission line is now complete, while the substation is expected to be in-service in December.

For more information, visit the BCTC web site at www.bctc.com or contact Dave Conway, BC Hydro/BCTC community relations manager for the project at 250-561-4906; dave.conway@bchydro.com