

Description of 1L44

1L44 is a 37 km long 138 kV transmission line extending northeast from Sechelt substation to Clowholm Generating Station. About 4.2 km from Clowholm station there is a tap approximately 300 m in length feeding Sechelt Creek generation station.

Ratings and Limits

The 4.2 km line section from Clowholm generating station to the Sechelt Creek IPP tap is limited thermally to 240 A in the summer and 325 A in the winter.

The remainder of the line from the Sechelt Creek IPP tap to Sechelt substation is limited thermally to 260 A in the summer and 436 A in the winter.

The overall line rating, therefore, is limited to 240 A in the summer and 325 A in the winter.

Current Commitments

Our current commitments on 1L44 include transfer of 33 MW from Clowholm to Sechelt and 17 MW from Sechelt Creek IPP to Sechelt. This translates to about 230 A on the portion of 1L44 from Sechelt Creek IPP to Sechelt.

Upgrade Options

Any addition of generation that would increase the flows between Clowholm and Sechelt Creek IPP beyond the current rating of 240 A (Summer) will require reconductoring that 4.2 km section at a cost of about \$400k. Reconductoring this section should bring the line up to a summer rating of 260 A (winter 436 A) and leave about 30 A unused capacity on the line with the current commitments.

It is not known at this point what work is required to increase the thermal limit beyond 260 A summer rating. The options range from resagging existing spans to reconductoring portions of the line with structure additions and replacements.