

INTERIOR TO LOWER MAINLAND TRANSMISSION PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction work for the new transmission line continues. Current activities are focused on:

- Vegetation and tree clearing along the right-of-way
- Tower foundation installations
- Tower assembly

As part of this work, helicopters are required and currently in service in some areas. The contractor has obtained the necessary permits and permissions and is in compliance with Transport Canada requirements. Wherever possible, helicopters follow routes and schedules that minimize disturbances to residents.

The ILM project will expand the capacity of the transmission system that brings power from generation sources in the North and Southern Interior so that BC Hydro can continue to deliver clean and reliable energy to homes and businesses in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

The new 247 kilometre 500 kilovolt transmission line will parallel an existing 500 kilovolt transmission line between the Nicola Substation near Merritt and the Meridian Substation on Westwood Plateau in Coquitlam.

The planned in-service date for the transmission line is 2015.

