

June 2016

Dear Neighbour:

Re: Terrace to Kitimat Transmission Project

As you may recall, we're planning to replace the aging 287 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Skeena Substation (near Terrace) and Minette Substation (near Kitimat) with a new 287 kV line on the west side of the Kitimat Valley to ensure we can keep meeting your needs.

The project also involves replacing the short transmission line between Minette Substation and Kitimat Substation (at Rio Tinto Alcan).

We want to update you on our progress and notify you of our planned spring and summer activities.

Planned spring and summer activities

The majority of our planned work is investigative in nature and is being done to help us finalize the route and design for the transmission line. In the next few months, we will be:

- reviewing access options and upgrading existing roads,
- completing archeological and environmental surveys,
- completing a center line survey of the proposed transmission line route, and
- constructing 13 temporary helipads in the southern section of the proposed route.

For the center line survey, work crews will walk the entire proposed transmission line route and clear a small path (up to 2 metres wide) so that we can complete detailed design work. Crews will also stake preliminary tower locations along the proposed route.

Please note that some helicopter work will be required to construct the temporary helipads, which will be used to transport our crews in and out of the area.

Where is this happening?

We will be working near the proposed transmission line route, which is shown on the enclosed map. The route is not yet final and could change based on further studies and consultation.

When will construction start?

Construction of the new transmission line is scheduled to begin in 2017. Once the new line is operating reliably, the existing line on the east side of the valley will be removed.

We will continue to keep you informed as the project moves forward. Visit bchydro.com/tktp for more information, or contact us at stakeholderengagement@bchydro.com or 1 866 647 3334.

Sincerely,



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