



INFORMATION BULLETIN
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NORTHERN ELECTRIFICATION MOVES FORWARD

VANCOUVER – BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) has submitted an Environmental Assessment Certificate Application to the BC Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO) for the proposed Northwest Transmission Line (NTL) Project.

The proposed project is a 335 km, 287 kV transmission line between Skeena Substation (near Terrace) and a new substation to be built near Bob Quinn Lake. This new line would provide a secure interconnection point for clean generation projects; provide a reliable supply of clean power to potential industrial developments in the area; and enable certain northwest communities to access the electricity grid, rather than obtaining their power from diesel generators.

Next steps include the BCEAO screening the project application which takes 30 days. Once the BCEAO accepts the Application, it will be posted on their website, and a review period of up to 180 days begins. This includes a public comment period with interested parties encouraged to submit comments and participate in public information sessions before the BCEAO provides a report with its recommendation for government consideration and decision on the project proceeding.

Since 2007, extensive consultation on the NTL has taken place through community information sessions, meetings, responses to information requests, regular public updates and workshops with the Nisga'a Nation, First Nations, municipalities, regional districts, stakeholder groups, land owners and interested parties.

BC is recognized as a clean energy powerhouse and this project supports British Columbia's climate action goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 33 per cent by 2020.

More information on BCTC's application is online at www.bctc.com

BC Transmission Corporation is the Crown corporation that is responsible for managing the province's publicly owned electrical transmission system. It's BCTC's job to move electricity from where it is generated to communities where it is needed.

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