

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGISTRATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL POWER LINE
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Re: Woodstock – Houlton International Power Line Project

Dear

As a resident of Woodstock and the surrounding area, NB Power would like to advise you of a proposed transmission project in western New Brunswick called the Woodstock – Houlton International Power Line Project. This project is needed to deliver power from New Brunswick to the Houlton Water Company in Houlton, Maine and may impact your property.

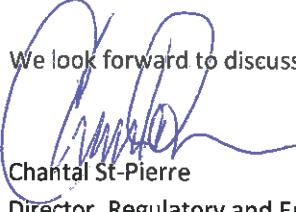
The project would consist of the construction of a new 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission line which would begin near Woodstock and continue along Route 95 towards the Maine border to a new 69/34.5 kV substation in New Brunswick. From the substation, a new 34.5 kV distribution line would cross the border near Houlton, Maine. In Maine, the distribution line would tie into Houlton Water Company distribution facilities near Houlton. The total length of the line would be 14 kilometers on the NB side and 1km on the Maine side. The enclosed map outlines the start point and potential border crossing of the project.

Transmission line projects of this scale are subject to regulatory review and approval. The project will require NB Power to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment to the provincial Department of Environment and Local Government. The project will also require a permit under *The National Energy Board Act*. Subject to regulatory approvals, the completion date of the project is 2019.

In order to help identify the most suitable route for the new transmission line, taking into account potential impacts, we invite you to attend an open house to discuss various components, like the environment, easements, type of work and project timelines on **Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017 from 5 pm to 8 pm at Gallery Room - AYR Motor Centre, 105 Connell Park Rd, Woodstock, NB.**

In the meantime, should you have any questions about what this project will mean for your property, don't hesitate to contact me at cstpierre@nbpower.com or by telephone at 1-866-754-7727. You can also consult NB Power's website at www.nbpower.com/en/about-us/projects.

We look forward to discussing this project with you.


Chantal St-Pierre

Director, Regulatory and Environmental Affairs
NB Power



Énergie NB Power

Fredericton, le 26 avril 2017

Objet : La ligne internationale de transport d'électricité de Houlton

Chère résidente, cher résident,

En tant que résident (e) de Woodstock et ses environs, Énergie NB souhaite vous informer d'un projet proposé de transport dans l'ouest du Nouveau-Brunswick. Ce projet est nommé le projet de ligne internationale de transport d'électricité de Houlton. Ce projet est nécessaire afin que le Nouveau-Brunswick puisse fournir de l'électricité à la Houlton Water Company à Houlton, dans le Maine et peut avoir un effet sur votre propriété.

Le projet consisterait en la construction d'une nouvelle ligne de transport de 69 kilovolts (kV) qui commencerait près de Woodstock et continuerait le long de la route 95 vers la frontière du Maine vers une nouvelle sous-station de 69/34,5 kV au Nouveau-Brunswick. De la sous-station, une nouvelle ligne de distribution de 34,5 kV traverserait la frontière près de Houlton (Maine). Dans le Maine, la ligne de distribution serait liée aux installations de distribution de la Houlton Water Company près de Houlton (Maine). La longueur totale de la ligne serait de 14 kilomètres sur le côté du Nouveau-Brunswick et d'un kilomètre sur le côté du Maine. La carte ci-jointe décrit le point de départ et le passage frontalier prévus du projet.

Les projets de lignes de transport de cette échelle sont soumis à des examens et des approbations réglementaires. Énergie NB devra recevoir l'approbation pour l'étude d'impact sur l'environnement (EIE) du ministère de l'Environnement et des Gouvernements locaux du Nouveau-Brunswick. Le projet exigera aussi un permis de l'Office national de l'énergie (ONÉ) en vertu de la *Loi sur l'Office national de l'énergie*. Sous réserve de l'obtention des approbations réglementaires, la date de fin du projet est prévue pour 2019.

Afin d'aider à identifier l'itinéraire le plus approprié pour la nouvelle ligne de transport, en tenant compte des incidences potentielles, nous vous invitons à participer à une séance portes ouvertes pour discuter de divers éléments, comme l'environnement, les servitudes, le type de travail et les échéanciers des projets. Cette séance aura lieu le **mercredi 3 mai 2017 de 17 h à 20 h dans la salle Gallery du centre AYR Motor Centre, 105 rue Connell Park, Woodstock (N.-B.)**.

Entre temps, si vous avez des questions sur ce que cela signifie pour votre propriété, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi à cstpierre@nbpower.com ou par téléphone au 1 866 754-7727. Vous pouvez également consulter le site Web d'Énergie NB à www.nbpower.com/fr/about-us/projects.

Nous accueillons favorablement l'occasion de discuter de ce projet avec vous.

Chantal St. Pierre
Directrice, Affaires réglementaires et environnementales
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INVITATION – OPEN HOUSE

NB Power and Houlton Water Company are inviting the public to attend an open house to discuss a potential new 15 km transmission power line between Woodstock, New Brunswick and Houlton, Maine. The open house will give the community the opportunity to meet with representatives and learn more about the project like construction details, the approval process, and timelines of the project.

The open house will take place on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Gallery Room of the AYR Motor Centre, 105 Connell Park Rd in Woodstock, NB.

Everyone is welcome!

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Free Fire is a profane homage to ultraviolent 80's action flicks



Reel Talk
Doug Dickinson

14A. Crime, Language, Brutal Violence.
Starring Cillian Murphy, Brie Larson, Armie Hammer, Sharlto Copley, Sam Riley, Jack Reynor, Babou Ceesay, Noa Taylor, Michael Smiley
Screenplay by Amy Seimetz and Ben Wheatley
Directed by Ben Wheatley
Runtime: 90 minutes
Rating: R/Grade A-

Modern day filmmakers don't get much more pulsing than Ben Wheatley. The British director has helmed six feature films since his 2009 debut *Down Terrace*, and each of them – from horror film *The Ill* to pitch black crime-cum-fightfests to dystopian adaptation *High-Rise* – has

garnered a mixture of both critical plaudits and raves, like latest film, a post-time action-comedy entitled *Free Fire*, no different.

Free Fire is a concept film that defies little beyond its premise: A group of out-of-work characters in 1970s England meet at a gritty warehouse to conduct an armistice. An incident between two of the men sets off a firefight, with the end result being 80 minutes of shooting gags and raw, witty dialogue looking for characters development or deep plotting, examining the why of the situation is likely to be disappointed.

What Ben Wheatley and his writing partner Amy Seimetz have done, is found an excuse to put an otherwise tame into an ultraviolent 80s action movie filled with the brutes with acidic humor and gory money shots. *Free Fire* is the kind of movie-direction like Martin Scorsese – who has a producer credit on this film – or John Carpenter wouldn't make in the early 1980s.

Entertainment is going to vary for each viewer. Fans of schlocky action comedies should give it a try regardless, but everyone else should be prepared for an odd film that might not work for them. The cast stands out, despite paper thin characters: Brie



Brie Larson, Brie Larson, Cillian Murphy, Sam Riley and Michael Smiley, from left, in a scene from *Free Fire*. PHOTO COURTESY

Larson doesn't have much to do as far as heavy acting that she puts on, kick a significant amount of heat; Armie Hammer and Cillian Murphy have fun as supporting ensemble players, and South African actor Sharlto Copley – best known for sci-fi film *District 9* – is the comic relief with his hammy

lines of dialogue-delivered perfectly. The standouts though, are Sam Riley and Jack Reynor, who's characters set off the fireworks. They quickly dig into their adversarial relationship, constantly provoking each other and keeping the action flowing.

As an action movie, *Free Fire* is a

thrilling ride, at least for me. Several designs great you right in the nose, with bullet whizzing every which way, and the film is edited in a way that keeps the intensity building from the time the first gun is shot. For a movie set entirely in one location for 90 minutes, it's remarkable that it never loses its steam. I couldn't stop thinking about the film after the

I'm fully aware that *Free Fire* isn't going to be everyone's cup of tea. Ben Wheatley's editorial style is off-putting, with graphic violence that splatters gore on the screen, and dialogue that is bound to offend at least make some people cringe. *Free Fire* is the all-of-it classic to date. You won't know if you will like it until you sit down and see it for yourself. Speaking for myself, I had a huge grin on my face watching the mayhem unfold on screen.

Doug Dickinson

As regular with the Bugle-Observer, writer of *Reel Talk* in the Wednesdays, and blog, *Reel Talk*.

Bulletin board

Wed, April 26

AL-ANON

Survivors Al-Anon Family Group meets at 6 p.m. at the Woodstock Baptist Church, 8844 Main St., Phoenicia. Refreshments and refreshments.

BINGO

Woodstock Rotary Club Bingo every Wednesday from 6 p.m. – Sponsor GJG Inc. Go to www.gjginc.com.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous held at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 104 Church St., Woodstock at 8 p.m.

AQUACIDE

\$5 per aquacade lesson, Carlton One Centre pool, 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

LOTTO

The Massachusetts Power & Light lottery tickets are \$100 each at 10 a.m.

CARDS

Cards at the Middle Southampton Community Center 1700 Main St., Contact Brenda Drost 423-7187. All donations welcome. Contact the Center 441 Main St., 1000 Main St., Lancaster, N.Y. This supports the R.I.D. Hall for Repairs and Maintenance. Everyone welcome.

HEALTH

Hope and Wellness is a peer-led mental health discussion group. Wellness meets 6:30 p.m. at the entrance of P.O.B. 205, Main St., Woodstock.

CLINIC

Pediatric Immunization Clinic for Mackenzie Health at the Mackenzie Health Centre, 105 Main St., Unit 201, Mackenzie, Call 325-4000 for an appointment for the

free session

STORY TIME

Story time at the Library, Library Auditorium 10:30 a.m. in library activity room and for toddlers and preschoolers, ages 2-5. This is an hour of stories, music, games, crafts and fun.

TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters club meeting, Riverdale Castle, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments served after.

SUPPORT GROUP

Living beyond cancer support group, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Albans Center, Cornwall.

Thursday, April 27

LOTTO

Carleton County Animal Shelter holds its weekly \$100 draws at 10 a.m. Check out our Facebook page for the location of local outlets who sell tickets and the names of nearby winners.

EXERCISE

Free exercise class for those 50 years and older, Rockwood Leisure Club from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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SEMINAR

Divorce Seminar at the Jacksonville Baptist Church from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Info contact Lori Romeo 325-2016 or

Wednesday, April 26

Friday, April 28

AA

The Step in Province Chap of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at the Hotel Putney in Putney, Vermont.

LOFTO

Woodstock Legion Branch #240 Chester Ave. Refreshments 4:30-6:00 p.m., draw at 6:30.

DARTS

Woodstock Legion, Putneyville, Chester St., 8:30 p.m. Registration, Everyone Welcome.

COFFEE HOUSE

Hope House - Newcomers welcome, light refreshments and donations 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 29

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, St. Luke's Anglican Church, 104 Church St., Woodstock at 8 p.m.

MUSIC

Jazzercise at Spin Class, Center, Rockwood, N.H. at 7:30 p.m.

INDOOR WASHING TOSS

Hope Computer Legion, Putneyville, Chester St., starting 8 p.m. 10 regulars. Everyone Welcome.

Sunday, April 30

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, St. Luke's Anglican Church, 104 Church St., Woodstock at 8 p.m.

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Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at the Upper River Valley Hospital, Conference Room 2, Waterboro, at 7 p.m.

Monday, May 1

BINGO

Kingfisher Columbus, Charles St., Woodstock, P.O. Box 101, Putney, Vermont, 05054, payoffs.

AA

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CARDS

Card night at the Putneyville Legion, Branch #240 at 7 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

GAMES

Game day 11:30 a.m. at the Triple C Rec. Centre, 105 Rockwood Rd., Rockwood.

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Run to the Finish, Action sports at the Age Motor Center - Everyone welcome.

MEETINGS

The regular monthly meeting of the Northampton Hot Dog Council will be held 7:30 p.m. at the Northampton Rec. Center.

MUSIC

Country Music at the Motel "V" Inn 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2

SENIORS

Power Young Seniors Citizens Club, Regular meeting: 4:30 Queen's, Scrabble, Rock, Board Games and socializing in the Community "V".

CLINIC

Public Immunization Office for Woodstock, Woodstock Public Health Office, 200 King St., Suite 214, Woodstock, Vt. 05091 for appointment for the free vaccine.

Deadline for the Public Board is Friday, May 12. Please send email to woodstockclinics@vtx.com with additional information or changes to your event.

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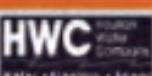


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THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Houlton Water Company has entered into an agreement with NB Power for the construction of a new power line in New Brunswick to supply electricity to the Houlton Water Company.

The Houlton Water Company is a municipally owned electric, water and sewer utility located in Houlton, Maine. HWC was founded in 1880 and has been serving the citizens of the town of Houlton and the surrounding communities since its inception.

If approved, the new infrastructure would join four existing international connections already in place in Eastern and Northern Maine.

PROPOSITION DE PROJET

La Houlton Water Company a conclu une entente avec Énergie NB pour la construction d'une nouvelle ligne de transport d'électricité au Nouveau-Brunswick pour fournir de l'électricité à la Houlton Water Company.

La Houlton Water Company (HWC) est une société d'électricité, d'eau et d'égouts municipaux située à Houlton, dans le Maine. La HWC fut fondée en 1880 et dessert les citoyens de la ville de Houlton et les communautés environnantes depuis sa création.

Si le projet est approuvé, la nouvelle infrastructure rejoindrait quatre connexions internationales déjà en place au nord du Maine et à l'est du Maine.

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PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE

If approved, customers in Houlton would be served from the NB Power grid through a power line which would tap an existing line near Woodstock on the west side of the Meduxnekeag River. The total length of the power line would be approximately 15km of which 14km would be on the Canadian side of the international border and 1km would be on the US side.

The project would also include the following:

- Construction of a new substation near the Canadian border which includes a transformer, primary revenue metering and a switched shunt capacitor bank
- A single distribution line to the border crossing
- Installation of one new transformer at the Woodstock terminal which includes two motor operated disconnect switches and associated protection & control
- Installation of a new capacitor bank at the Woodstock terminal

INFRASTRUCTURE DE PROJET

Si le projet est approuvé, les clients de Houlton seraient desservis par le réseau électrique d'Énergie NB grâce à une ligne de transport d'électricité tirant parti d'une ligne existante près de Woodstock, sur le côté ouest de la rivière Meduxnekeag. La longueur totale de la ligne de transport d'électricité serait d'environ 15 km. De ce 15 km, 14 km seraient sur le côté canadien de la frontière internationale et un (1) km serait sur le côté américain.

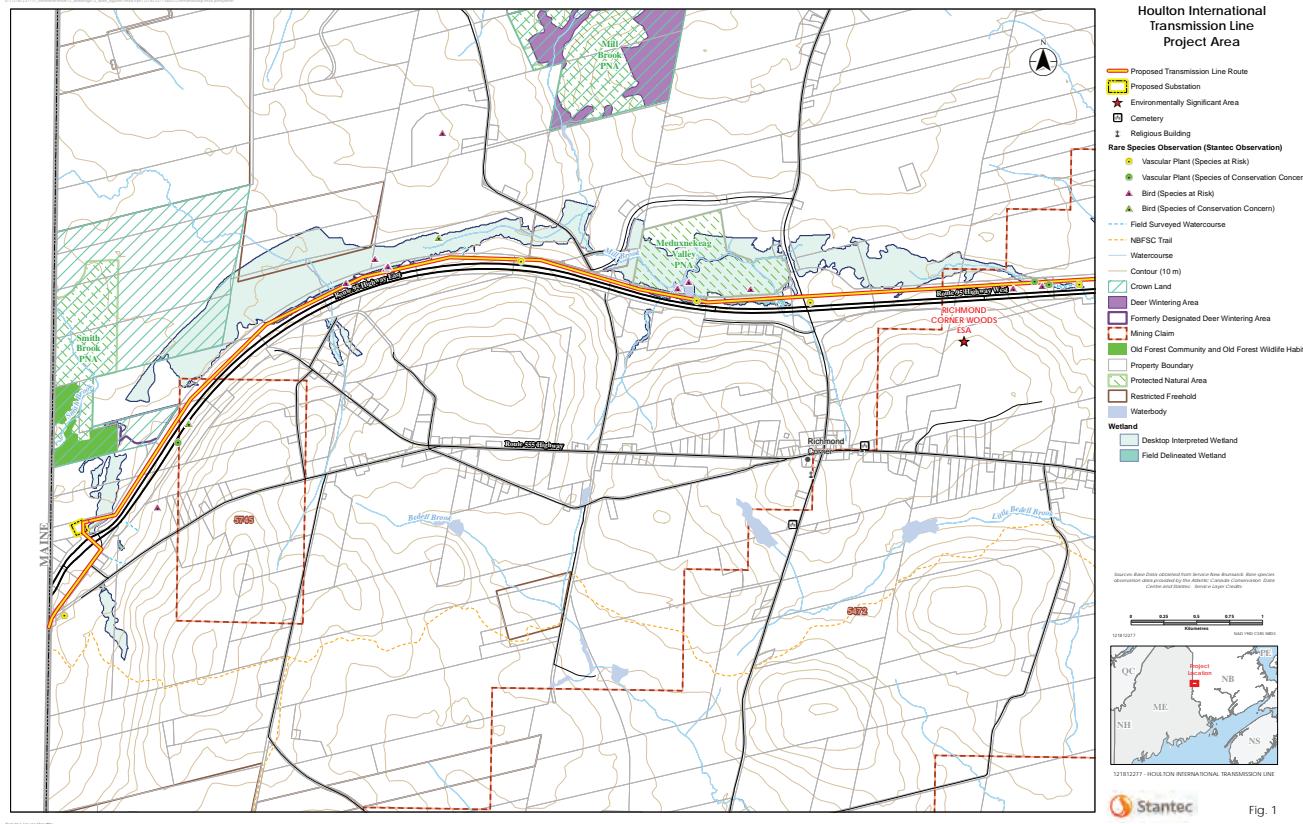
Le projet comprendrait également les éléments suivants :

- La construction d'une nouvelle sous-station près de la frontière canadienne qui comprend un transformateur, des appareils de mesure primaires aux fins de facturation et une batterie de condensateurs shunt sous tension.
- Une seule ligne de distribution jusqu'au poste frontalier.
- L'installation d'un nouveau transformateur au poste de Woodstock qui comprend deux dispositifs de sectionnement à moteur et la protection et les commandes connexes.
- L'installation d'une nouvelle batterie de condensateurs au poste de Woodstock.



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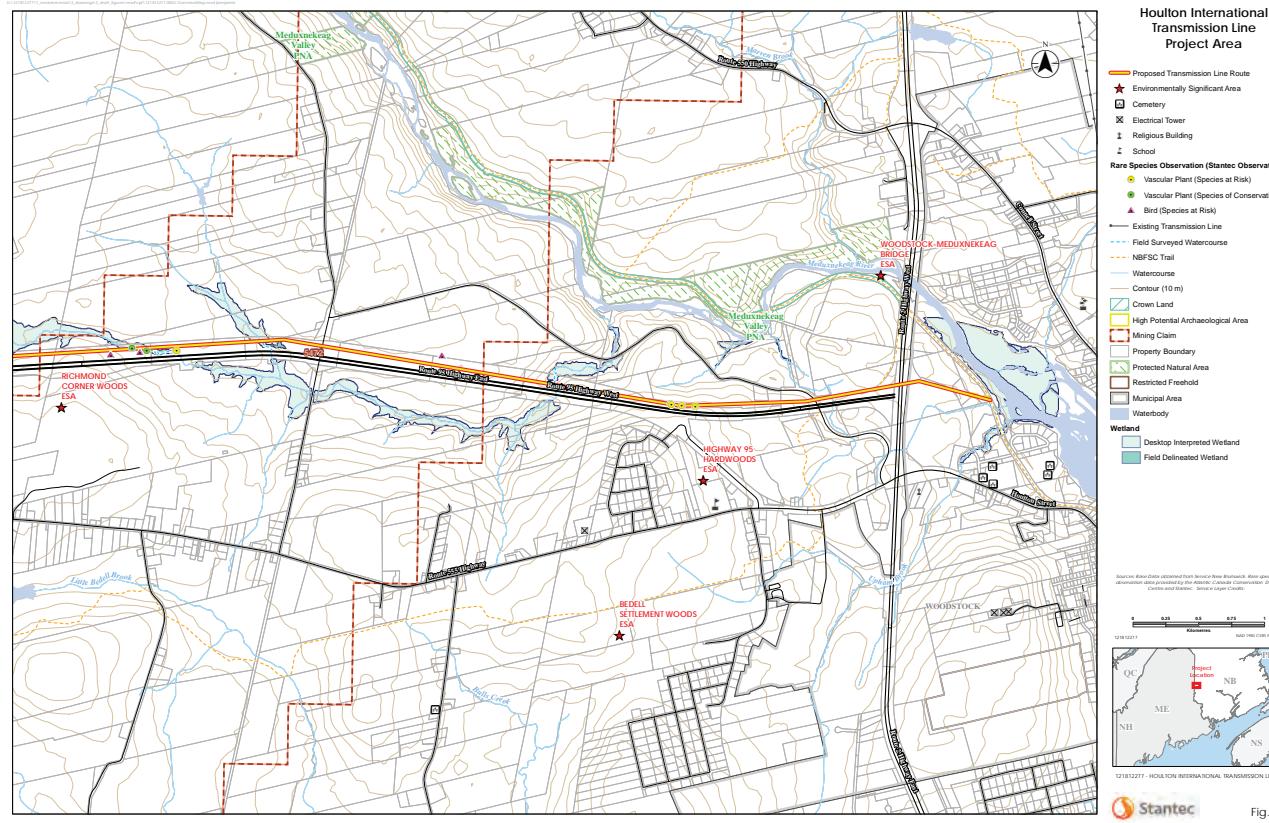
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PUBLIC AND FIRST NATION CONSULTATION

NB Power is committed to engaging and consulting with the general public, stakeholders, interested parties and First Nations communities. Consultation will be held to assist with the planning process and seek feedback on the proposed project. Consultation activities will relate to supporting the Environmental Assessment process and the delegated Duty to Consult, which includes participation in community meetings to provide project information and gathering traditional land use data.



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CONSULTATIONS AUPRÈS DE LA POPULATION ET DES PREMIÈRES NATIONS

Énergie NB est dévouée à engager et à consulter le grand public, les intervenants, les parties intéressées et les collectivités des Premières Nations. Une consultation sera organisée pour aider au processus de planification et visant à obtenir les commentaires sur le projet proposé. Les activités de consultation porteront sur l'appui du processus d'évaluation environnementale et à l'obligation de consulter, qui comprend la participation à des séances communautaires pour fournir de l'information sur les projets et la collecte de données sur l'utilisation traditionnelle des terres.

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LAND AND PROPERTY

Land owner engagement on the Houlton Water Company International Line Project began in September of 2016. Preliminary discussions focused on identifying a suitable substation site that would allow NB Power to finalize routing options. Discussions have been ongoing for a suitable substation site and will continue this spring, with NB Power obtaining landowner options to purchase.

NB Power is committed to a respectful, open negotiation process and to fair and equitable land compensation with affected landowners. We believe that landowner consultation must be a meaningful process where landowners are informed and have the opportunity to have their concerns heard and understood, ensuring the best possible solution for all. It is NB Power's preference to come to mutually acceptable arrangements with all landowners.

TERRAINS ET BIENS

L'engagement du propriétaire foncier sur le projet de ligne internationale de la Houlton Water Company a débuté en septembre 2016. Des discussions préliminaires ont porté sur l'identification d'un site approprié pour la sous-station qui permettrait à Énergie NB de finaliser les options d'aménagement de l'itinéraire. Des discussions sont en cours pour déterminer un site approprié pour la sous-station et continueront ce printemps alors qu'Énergie NB obtient l'option d'achat des propriétaires fonciers.

Énergie NB s'engage dans un processus de négociation respectueux et ouvert, avec une compensation équitable pour les propriétaires fonciers touchés. Nous croyons que la consultation des propriétaires fonciers doit être un processus important où les propriétaires fonciers sont informés et ont la possibilité d'entendre et de comprendre leurs préoccupations, assurant la meilleure solution possible pour tous. Énergie NB préfère conclure des ententes mutuellement acceptables avec tous les propriétaires fonciers.

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activities	Timelines
Engagement with stakeholders and First Nations	Ongoing
Public Open House	April 2017
Environmental Impact Assessment Submission (available for public review) and permit	Summer 2017
NEB Application and Decision	December 2017 – October 2018
Line Clearing / Construction	December 2018 – August 2019
Substation Construction	April 2019 – October 2019
Woodstock Terminal Upgrades	April 2019 – October 2019
In-Service	End of 2019

CALENDRIER DU PROJET

Activités du projet	Échéancier
Échanges avec les parties prenantes et les Premières Nations.	En cours
Séances portes ouvertes	Avril 2017
Soumission de l'Étude d'impact sur l'environnement (disponible aux fins d'examen public) et permis.	Été 2017
Demande à l'Office national de l'énergie (ONÉ) et sa décision	Décembre 2017 à octobre 2018
Défrichage et construction des lignes	Décembre 2018 à août 2019
Construction de la sous-station	Avril 2019 à octobre 2019
Remise à neuf du poste de Woodstock	Avril 2019 à octobre 2019
En service	Fin 2019

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REQUIRED APPROVALS

NB Power must receive Environmental Impact Assessment Approval from the New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government under the New Brunswick Clean Environment Act and a Permit from the National Energy Board before construction can begin on the Canadian portion of the power line.

APPROBATIONS REQUISÉES

Énergie NB doit recevoir l'approbation pour l'étude d'impact sur l'environnement (EIE) du ministère de l'Environnement et des Gouvernements locaux du Nouveau-Brunswick en vertu de la Loi sur l'assainissement de l'environnement du Nouveau-Brunswick et un permis de l'ONÉ avant que la construction ne puisse débuter sur

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Woodstock-Houlton International Powerline Project Open House Exit Survey / Questionnaire de départ

1. How did you hear about today's open house? / Où avez-vous entendu parler des séances portes ouvertes?

- Newspaper / Journaux Radio
 NB Power Employee / Employé(e) d'Énergie Word of Mouth / Bouche à oreille
 Twitter Other / Autre

2. How long have you lived in the area? / Depuis combien d'années demeurez-vous dans la région?

- Less than one year / Moins d'un an 1-5 years / années
 6-10 years / années 11-15 years / années
 16+ years / années

3. Which is your age range? / Quel est votre groupe d'âge ?

- < 18 19-34 35-54 55+

4. How useful did you find the information presented at this event? / Comment utile était l'information présentée à cet évènement?

- Very useful / Très utile Not very useful / Utile
 Somewhat useful / Un peu utile Not usefull at all / Pas du tout utile

5. How satisfied are you with the information that was provided today? / Comment satisfaits êtes-vous de l'information fourni aujourd'hui?

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What information would you interested in learning more about? / Quelle autre information aimeriez- vous obtenir?

6. How effective were the displays, maps and handouts? / Comment efficaces étaient les placards, cartes et dépliants?

Very effective / Très efficaces
 Effective / Efficaces

Somewhat effective / Un peu efficaces
 Not at all effective / Pas du tout efficaces

7. Is there anything you would like to add? / Aimeriez-vous ajouter autre chose?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire, your input is greatly appreciated.
Merci d'avoir pris le temps de remplir ce questionnaire, vos commentaires sont appréciés.



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Woodstock-Houlton International Powerline Project Open House Exit Survey / Questionnaire de départ

1. How did you hear about today's open house? / Où avez-vous entendu parler des séances portes ouvertes?

- Newspaper / Journaux Radio
 NB Power Employee / Employé(e) d'Énergie Word of Mouth / Bouche à oreille
 Twitter Other / Autre

2. How long have you lived in the area? / Depuis combien d'années demeurez-vous dans la région?

- Less than one year / Moins d'un an 1-5 years / années
 6-10 years / années 11-15 years / années
 16+ years / années

3. Which is your age range? / Quel est votre groupe d'âge ?

- < 18 19-34 35-54 55+

4. How useful did you find the information presented at this event? / Comment utile était l'information présentée à cet évènement?

- Very useful / Très utile Not very useful / Utile
 Somewhat useful / Un peu utile Not usefull at all / Pas du tout utile

5. How satisfied are you with the information that was provided today? / Comment satisfaits êtes-vous de l'information fourni aujourd'hui?

- Very satisfied / Très satisfait Not very satisfied / Satisfait
 Somewhat satisfied / Un peu satisfait Not at all satisfied / Pas du tout satisfait

What information would you interested in learning more about? / Quelle autre information aimeriez- vous obtenir?

6. How effective were the displays, maps and handouts? / Comment efficaces étaient les placards, cartes et dépliants?

Very effective / Très efficaces
 Effective / Efficaces

Somewhat effective / Un peu efficaces
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Mr. Stephen L. Wilson, President
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June 15, 2017

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Subject: NB Power and Meduxnekeag River Association Field Walkdown of Morrison Lake and Follow-up Meeting at 733 Main Street, Woodstock on June 1, 2017

NB Power would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your knowledgeable team (George Peabody and Simon Mitchell) for taking the time to meet with Bob Garland and myself on June 1, 2017. The expertise that was shared during the Morrison Lake area field visit and subsequent meeting at your Woodstock office was valuable in helping us understand the area's ecosystem and potential concerns that the Meduxnekeag River Association (MRA) have with the proposed 69kV transmission line travelling in close proximity to the Morrison Lake Protected Natural Area (PNA).

Here is a brief summary of the discussion, questions and concerns.

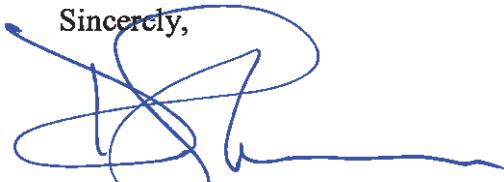
- NB Power had previously staked the structure locations adjacent to the PNA. We walked along the highway stopping at the structure locations on either side Morrison Lake.
- One structure the western side was noted as being close to the Duty Free shop sign. (This sign is actually in the PNA and MRA derives revenue from leasing it to the duty free store)
- It was brought to our attention that trees cannot be cut within a PNA without ministerial approval. This brought to the fore the need to accurately delineate the edge of NBHC RoW and the PNA. This will require work by a Land Surveyor. Simon Mitchell thought this had previously been done and that there may be survey pins sited from the previous work on twinning of Route 95.
- Copies of photos showing swamp mats and structures in corrugated steel pipes were shared with the group. NB Power left MRA a copy of the PEI project PSEPP for reference. A similar PSEPP will be submitted for this project. An initial version will be included with the EIA registration and a revision, which will include more detail, will be issued early in the NBDELG review period.
- Discussed the types of early spring plants and any rare plants (SAR/SOCC). Chantal St. Pierre (NB Power Director on Environment) joined by phone for this discussion and MRA were pleased to hear that the inventory of rare plants was taken in 2016 by Stantec and that this information was recently shared with Aaron Dowding of the Nature Trust of NB. MRA indicated that the timing on relocating of rare plants is also a concern. We pointed out that on the PEI project rare plants were marked and contractors were to avoid where possible. Discussion also took place on what to do

with butternut trees. Chantal indicated there had been a discussion with Hubert Askanas (from Energy Mines & Resource Development) and because of canker infestation he indicated that there is no option to transplant. *Note: follow up email sent June 6, 2017 to Simon Mitchell with more detail on this matter.*

- MRA was pleased to learn of the Woodstock First Nations (WFN) engagement and TK/TLRU study that is currently underway. They asked if we would consider hiring WFN monitors during the construction phase.
- MRA wanted to know about NB Power's clearing practices in the RoW for lines in general and in particular at Morrison Lake. Of particular concern was the cutting of trees above 12ft in a wetland. One species of tree that was specifically discussed was the eastern larch, which is growing in a very wet area. Even though these trees are short in stature, MRA indicated that they are quite mature. MRA asked if at all possible could these trees be spared (re: habitat for kingfishers).
- MRA asked if NB Power plan to spray herbicide on the RoW for maintenance and if yes, is there an exemption possible for the portion adjacent to the PNA.
- MRA would like to know more about the conductor stringing activity as it pertains to potential impact to the wetland. A sample of the proposed 266 kcmil aluminum conductor was provided for viewing. This is the smallest conductor size that NB Power utilizes for new transmission lines.
- MRA prefers winter construction if at all possible as it will minimize the impact on the wetland. MRA also pointed out that since there are a few natural springs in the area, there could still be unfrozen spots in the wetland even during winter months.
- MRA pointed out that building the line inside of the existing NBHC corridor is a positive with respect to minimizing the environmental impact.
- NB Power noted that the EIA registration is scheduled to be submitted to NBDELG in mid-July. Subsequent to that, there will be a public review period.
- It was evident that MRA take their responsibility as stewards of the Meduxnekeag River Watershed very seriously and are quite active in this regard. One item that stood out is the Association's extensive public education and awareness campaigns they provide to various groups, including local school children. MRA mentioned that they are a community based not-for-profit organization with official charitable tax status.

If any of the above information is misrepresented, or if other items discussed have not been adequately captured, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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