

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGISTRATION FOR 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN THE MONCTON INDUSTRIAL PARK, MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

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## 6.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A Public Involvement Program was initiated by NB Power to inform elected officials, landowners, stakeholders, and the general public about the Project. The Public Involvement Program, which followed guidance from *A Guide to Environmental Impact Assessment in New Brunswick* (NBDELG 2012c), and *Additional Information Requirements for Linear Facilities* (NBDELG 2008), uses a multi-faceted approach so that Project information reaches as many people as possible.

NB Power has modified its normally expansive approach to public involvement for this Project to reflect the relatively small scope of the Project, the limited potential environmental impacts and the fact that landowners affected are all industrial/commercial interests with the exception of the City of Moncton. For this Project, our approach includes maintaining a Project mailing list, placing information on the NB Power website, and informing affected parties directly either through phone contact, meetings or letters to offer Project information and opportunities for feedback.

The key elements of the Public Involvement Program are presented below in Sections 6.1 and 6.2, with a summary of public involvement to date presented in Section 6.3.

Future involvement initiatives to fulfill the public involvement requirements of the New Brunswick *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation* under the *Clean Environment Act* and the *Guide to Environmental Impact Assessment in New Brunswick* (NBDELG 2012c), are summarized in Section 6.4.

### 6.1 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Public Involvement Program are as follows:

- Provide information directly to stakeholders, the general public, community groups, and other interested parties on the proposed Project
- Provide information directly to elected officials and local service districts
- Address issues and concerns raised during this process
- Identify measures that will mitigate or resolve any public issues or concerns
- Identify proposed future consultation initiatives

### 6.2 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ELEMENTS

The following section describes those elements as they relate to the Project.

#### 6.2.1 Communication Methods

The methods employed to communicate with elected officials, stakeholders, individuals, and affected property owners are described below:

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- **Letters to Landowners** – NB Power informed potentially-affected landowners of the Project in August 2017.
- **Meetings with Stakeholders** – Information was provided electronically and via meeting to elected officials, potentially-affected landowners, and representatives of relevant key organizations in the local area (Table 6.1).
- **Web Postings** – The NB Power website ([www.nbpower.com](http://www.nbpower.com)) will serve as an electronic method for members of the public to access Project documents, view maps, and provide comments.
- **Public Notice** – Upon Registration, public notice will be issued in the local newspapers and on the NB Power website, and the general public will be encouraged to forward comments and concerns to Project personnel.
- **Project Documentation** – A paper copy of the EIA Registration document will be made available for viewing during the public review period at the following locations:
  - New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government, Project and Approvals Branch (Fredericton)
- **Media Interviews** – To ensure transparency and community awareness of the Project, NB Power will respond to media requests for information as requested.
- **Summary Report** – A brief summary report on the public notification initiatives carried out, and the key issues raised by the public during the EIA review, will be provided to NBDELG within 60 days following registration.
- **Project Telephone Number** – A toll-free Project Information Line (1-866-754-7727) will appear on all communications to provide an easy-to-access means of contacting Project personnel for those who do not have easy access to computers.

### 6.2.2 Issues Tracking and Reporting

A major effort of the Public Involvement Program is to track, synthesize, and present comments to the applicable regulatory agencies. NB Power maintains a database that is used to track issues and concerns raised during the public involvement process. The database provides Project staff with the ability to conduct queries, print specific reports, and review the status of all issues, concerns, or commitments.

Issues or concerns raised by, or commitments made to, affected landowners and stakeholders are entered into the database and monitored regularly during Project meetings until appropriate actions have been taken to address them. During any meetings, outstanding items are reviewed and updates provided to the Project Team. Upon completion of each outstanding item, the necessary information is identified as "complete".

Based on the methods described above, NB Power will be able to inform and identify potential issues and concerns associated with the Project. The section below summarizes the results of the public involvement activities to-date, including key issues raised and how they were or will be addressed, as applicable.

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## 6.3 RESULTS OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM TO DATE

### 6.3.1 Stakeholder Contact Log

NB Power contacted key stakeholders to inform and identify potential issues and concerns associated with the Project. The stakeholder organizations contacted, and their responses are summarized in Table 6.1.

**Table 6.1 Stakeholder Contact Log**

Agency / Representative	Date	Issue/Concern (e.g. landowner, permit, tree trimming, in favour, concerns, etc.)
Moncton Industrial Development, General Manager	April 18, 2017	No concerns expressed
Enbridge, Planning Design Analyst, Planning & Technical Services	April 13, 2017	No concerns expressed
Rogers Locate Service	April 12, 2017	No concerns expressed
City of Moncton (follow up meeting)	October 19, 2017	No concerns expressed, no need for joint use agreement
City of Moncton, Engineering Technologist	April 4, 2017	Follow up requested
City of Moncton, Development Coordinator	August 23, 2017	Gave ok to go with joint use pole design with their light standards
Canadian National	May 30, 2017	It was indicated that a wire crossing is required at a cost of \$1950 + HST
Commonwealth Plywood Co. Ltd.	September 17, 2017	Requested follow up information via email. This was sent.

The general public is encouraged to forward comments and concerns to Project personnel.

### 6.3.2 Requests for Additional Information

NB Power will continue to monitor comments or concerns received from the general public regarding the Project, including those received via phone or emails from NB power's website. To date, none have been received.

## 6.4 FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

NB Power will publish a one-day notice in local newspapers and online informing the public that the Project has been registered with NBDELG and identify locations where the EIA registration document can be reviewed. The public will be asked to forward comments or concerns about

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the proposed Project to NB Power. Following the registration of this Project with the NBDELG, and during the Determination Review process, NB Power will track, respond to and report on key issues raised by the public, First Nations and elected officials.