

# FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

## Distribution Line Site Inspections: March 2014

The Site C Clean Energy Project is currently undergoing a cooperative environmental assessment by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office. BC Hydro is continuing to conduct environmental and engineering field studies on and around the Peace River between the Williston Reservoir and the Alberta border to inform detailed mitigation and monitoring planning. Project construction will not take place unless Site C receives environmental certification, regulatory permits and authorizations, and approvals to proceed.

BC Hydro is planning an upgrade to the distribution lines that run from the Fort St. John substation on 81 Avenue to the location of the proposed Site C dam to meet the increased need for electricity in the area of the dam site. The upgrade work is planned for 2015 and will include increasing the capacity of existing above ground and underground lines, new terminal poles, new fibre optic cable for communications, and connections into existing underground distribution.

In order to plan for this upgrade, BC Hydro will be conducting site inspections in late March of the distribution lines that would require upgrades. Engineers will walk the routes of the distribution lines to take photographs of existing overhead distribution lines, assess ground conditions, and gather measurements for determining spacing for poles. This work is expected to take two days.

The inspections will occur on the distribution lines which run along the following roads:

- In the area of 86 Street and 87 Streets, between the Alaska Hwy and 81 Avenue
- In the area of 81 Avenue, between 86 Street and 89a Street
- 81 Avenue, between 89a Street and 100 Street (265 Rd)
- 98 Street, between 81 Avenue and 85 Avenue
- 100 Street (265 Rd), between 81 and 85 Avenue
- 85 Avenue, between 98 Street and Old Fort Road
- Old Fort Road, between 85 Avenue and 240 Road
- 240 Road, between Old Fort Road and 269 Road
- 269 Road, south of 240 Road to the end of the existing road

Field study updates are available at [www.sitecproject.com](http://www.sitecproject.com) and in the Community Consultation offices in Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope.

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### DISTRIBUTION LINE SITE INSPECTIONS: March 2014

- BC Hydro is conducting site inspections of distribution lines in the Fort St. John and Peace River District areas that would require upgrades.
- Engineers will walk the routes of the distribution lines taking photographs of the existing overhead distribution lines, assessing ground conditions, and gathering measurements for determining spacing for poles.
- AMEC is leading the work.