# Lloydminster to Spruce Lake Project

138kV Transmission Lines, 25kV Distribution Lines & Substations

### March 2017

#### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

To meet the need for safe, reliable power for our farms, communities and businesses, SaskPower is investing in the province's power grid. As part of this investment, SaskPower is planning to replace aging infrastructure and construct new facilities in the Lloydminster, Paradise Hill and Spruce Lake areas. The project is designed to improve service reliability, help support oilfield development and contribute to the overall plan for reinforcing the area.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project investment will include two new substations, a new 138kV transmission line and new 25kV distribution lines.

#### Substations

- SaskPower is planning to construct two new 138-25kV substations.
- The new Paradise Hill Substation will be constructed directly south of an existing 72-25kV substation located approximately 10 km south of the Village of Paradise Hill
- Sites for the new Spruce Lake Substation are currently being investigated northeast of the Hamlet of Spruce Lake.
- The existing 72-25kV Paradise Hill and Bolney Substations will be salvaged.

#### **Transmission Line**

- SaskPower is planning to construct a new single-circuit 138kV transmission line.
- 1st Segment of line will come from the existing Lloydminster Switching Station, cross the North Saskatchewan River and connect to the new Paradise Hill Substation.
- <u>2nd Segment</u> of line will go east from the new Paradise Hill Substation and parallel a portion of the existing 72kV GL6 transmission line.
- <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Segment</u> of line will tap off of the 2<sup>nd</sup> segment and go north to connect to the new Spruce Lake Substation.
- The total length of new line will be approximately 75 to 85 km, depending on the route selected.
- $\bullet$   $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  segments of line are planned to be constructed with H-frame structures. (H-frame structure shown to the right)
- A lattice tower structure will be used on either side of the North Saskatchewan River crossing. (Lattice tower structure shown to the right)
- The majority of the 2<sup>nd</sup> segment of line is planned to be constructed with single pole structures within the south side of the road allowance. (Single pole structure shown to the right)
- H-frame and tap structures are planned to be used where the 3<sup>rd</sup> segment of line taps the 2<sup>nd</sup> segment. (H-frame and tap structure shown to the right)
- Two line switches are planned to be installed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> segment of line. One switch will be located east of the new Paradise Hill Substation and the other switch will be located east of the tap point for the 3<sup>rd</sup> segment of line. (Switch structure shown to the right)

#### Distribution

- SaskPower is planning to construct new 25kV distribution lines from the Paradise Hill and Spruce Lake Substations.
- The total length of new distribution lines will be approximately 100 km.
- Single pole structures are planned to be used for the new distribution lines. (Distribution structures shown to the right)
- The distribution structures will be located 0.5 m in the road allowance.

## CURRENT SCHEDULE 138KV TRANSMISSION LINE

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Selection of Corridor Options	Nov – Feb 2017	
1st Round of Consultation	March 2017	
Selection of Preferred Corridor	April – May 2017	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Consultation	June 2017	
Environmental Field Studies	July 2017 – Aug 2018	
Submission to Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment	September 2018	
Engineering Design	July 2017 – Nov 2018	
Easement Acquisition	July 2018 – Oct 2018	
Construction	Oct 2018 – Dec 2019	
Energization	January 2020	

#### **CURRENT SUBSTATIONS SCHEDULE**

Site Selection	Dec 2016 – March 2017
Site Design	Jan 2017 – Sept 2018
Construction	July 2018 – Dec 2019
Energization Paradise Hill Substation	April 2019
Energization Spruce Lake Substation	January 2020

#### **CURRENT 25KV DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE**

Milestone	Paradise Hill	Spruce Lake
Activity	Distribution	Distribution
Route Selection	Nov 2016 – June 1	2016
Engineering Design	July – Oct 2017	July – Aug 2018
Construction	Oct 2018 – April 2019	Aug – Dec 2019
Energization	April 2019	Jan 2020

Project planning and analysis is currently underway and landowners and members of the general public are encouraged to provide their comments on the project. These comments and other input SaskPower recieves are taken into consideration when making a final decision on the project.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For additional information on this project, please contact SaskPower's Stakeholder Engagement Department at 1-855-566-1908 or publicconsultation@saskpower.com.



#### **TYPICAL STRUCTURE SPECIFICATIONS**

Structure Type	Average Span	Structure Height	Pole Spacing
Transmission Line			
H-Frame	~300 m	19-27 m	4.8 m
(Steel)	(985 ft)	(62-89 ft)	(16 feet)
H-Frame	~225 m	19.8-25.9m	4.8 m
(Wood)	(740 ft)	(65-85 ft)	(16 ft)
Single-Pole	~150 m	19-27 m	2/2
	(490 ft)	(62-89 ft)	n/a
Lattice Tower	1150-1450 m	50-120 m	m /a
Lattice Tower	(3,773-4,757 ft)	(164-394ft)	n/a
	Distribution	n Line	
Single Pole	~90 m	12.2-13.7 m	n /a
(Single Circuit)	(295 ft)	(40-45 ft)	n/a
Single Pole	~ 60 m	13.7-15.2 m	n/a
(Double Circuit)	(197 ft)	(45-50 ft)	11/ a

#### MINIMUM CONDUCTOR CLEARANCE

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	138kV	25kV
	Transmission Line	Distribution Line
Over Farmland	7.4 m (24.3 ft)	6.68 m (21.9 ft)
Over Highways	8.1 m (26.6 ft)	6.68 m (21.9 ft)
Over High Load	10.65 m (34.9 ft)	6.68 m (21.9 ft)
Corridors		
Over Railways	8.7 m (28.5 ft)	7.9 m (25.9 ft)

#### TYPICAL RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW)

Structure & Line Type	Standard Width
H-frame Transmission	30 m (98 ft)
Single-pole Transmission	20 m (66 ft)
Distribution Lines	kept within road allowance

#### **ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT & APPROVALS**

The proposed project will be evaluated to determine if it requires a submission to the Ministry of Environment under the Environmental Assessment Act and will follow all applicable provincial environment assessment and approval processes which can include:

- Consultation with provincial and municipal officials, landowners, Aboriginal groups and other affected stakeholders as applicable;
- Environmental assessment analysis using existing information (database, satellite imagery) and field surveys;
- Developing a plan to mitigate or avoid impacts to rare and endangered species and their habitats, and sensitive landscape features (i.e. sand hills, wetlands, native prairie, heritage resources);
- Maximizing the use of existing rights-of-way and previously disturbed areas where possible; and
- Accommodating local land uses and infrastructure.

#### **TYPICAL STRUCTURE IMAGES**



138kV Single-Circuit H-Frame Structure



138kV Single-Circuit Single Pole Structure



25kV Distribution
Single-Circuit Structure



Tower Structure



25kV Distribution
Double-Circuit Structure



Guy-Anchored Tap Structure



Guy-Anchored Deflection Structure



Switch Structure Adjacent to H-Frame Structure



