REGINA TO MOOSE JAW AREA SYSTEM REINFORCEMENTS

November 2020



PROJECT DESCRIPTION & NEED

- SaskPower is planning to build new infrastructure and replace/upgrade aging infrastructure in the area to ensure we can continue to provide safe, reliable power to our customers.
- We continue to add new generation in the southwest, including almost 400 megawatts of renewable wind power in 2021. This project will strengthen the power system to ensure we'll have options to move power to where it is needed.
- It'll also ensure we're prepared to meet potential future growth in the City of Regina and along the Regina to Moose Jaw industrial corridor.



ROWATT SWITCHING STATION

- We'll build a new switching station southeast of Regina (NE36-15-19-W2). The existing switching station serving this area is nearing capacity with limited ability to expand.
- This new switching station will support growth in and around the City of Regina and potential future industrial customers in the area as well.
- Work to upgrade roads to access the site began in Sept 2020. We anticipate construction on the station will begin in 2021 and be completed in 2023. This includes ~2km of modifications to nearby transmission lines to connect them to this new switching station.





BELLE PLAINE SWITCHING STATION

- We've also purchased land for a new switching station near Belle Plaine (NW25-16-24-W2). The nearby Pasqua switching station (near Moose Jaw) is nearing capacity with limited ability to expand.
- A new switching station in this area will support potential future development of the industrial area around Belle Plaine.
- This switching station will likely be built within the next five years.



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CONNECTING SWITCHING STATIONS

- We'll also build a new 230kV transmission line to connect the new Rowatt switching station to the existing Pasqua switching station. We'll connect the Belle Plaine switching station too once it is built.
- We'll build the new transmission line using doublecircuit structures. This means that when we need another transmission line in this area, we will already have structures in place to accommodate stringing of a future line.





REPLACING AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

- For a portion of the new line, we've identified an opportunity to replace the R1P line built in 1955.
- Before we can replace the existing line, we'll need to modify how we serve several industrial customers. We'll do this by stringing the open circuit on the existing structures built to serve K+S and building about one mile of new line.
- Once these customers are moved over, we can remove the old line and use it's 30m right-of-way for the new line.





EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY

- Using an existing right-of-way is one strategy to reduce the impact to land use.
- We'll need to expand the right-of-way by 10 meters to accommodate the larger structures.
- We'll consult with impacted landowners to determine the best way to expand the existing right-of-way.





FINDING A ROUTE TO ROWATT

- We'll need to find a route for the new transmission line the rest of the way to the Rowatt switching station.
- Finding an ideal route for a transmission line is never easy. There are pros and cons to every option.
- Our process incorporates many perspectives to better understand potential effects of a transmission line.
- We'll follow our routing process and use our routing considerations as we work with stakeholders to find the best route overall.





ROUTING CONSIDERATIONS



We consider many factors like land cover, wetlands, waterbodies, and potential archaeology, as well as potential impact on rare and endangered plant and animal species and their habitats.
When avoidance isn't possible, we will work with stakeholders and regulators to find the most responsible way to offset or mitigate effects and impacts. We follow Environmental Beneficial Management Practices.



We engage Indigenous communities to seek invaluable knowledge. Local and Indigenous knowledge refers to the understandings, skills and philosophies developed by societies with long histories of interaction with their natural surroundings like hunting, fishing, trapping, ceremonial and spiritual uses.



AND USE

We recognize that land and resource use is important to agricultural operations, property owners, communities and resource users like hunters and trappers, commercial operators, nature, environmental organizations and the public.

We consider how resources or access to resources may be affected as well as community land use plans and proximity to communities, residences, habitable buildings, outbuildings.



ROUTING CONSIDERATIONS

((1))	SOCIAL	We consider the social value communities place on landscapes, points of interest, economic benefits to local communities, job opportunities and recreation activities.
0	TECHNICAL	We consider engineering and construction standards as well as access, terrain, design, system reliability, proximity to required and other existing infrastructure. SaskPower is committed to ensuring public safety and safe access for construction and maintenance activities.
0	COST	We consider capital costs (project budget), operating budget (long term maintenance), land acquisition costs and impact on power rates.
?	What else should we be considering?	



WE NEED YOUR INPUT

We're looking for your feedback on:

- How might this project affect you including future roads, zoning, or development plans we should be aware of?
- How we can lessen effects?
- What else we should know as we evaluate potential route options?

We will ensure that concerns and feedback are built into project plans as much as possible.





PROJECT MILESTONE SCHEDULE

- Consultations:
- Line design:
- Easement acquisition:*
- Line construction:*
- Construction Complete / ISD:

Ongoing until April 2021

May 2021 to May 2022

May to August 2022

September 2022 to March 2023

March 2023

*Easement acquisition and construction along existing right-of-way may begin in 2021.

STRUCTURE TYPE

230kV Double-Circuit Galvanized Steel H-Frame Tangent Structure (T72/001)





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Pole Spacing: 10.3m (33.8ft)

Structure Height: 31.7-39.2m (104-128.6ft)

Average Span: ~300m (984.3ft)

Deflection Structures: Guy-anchored





SIZE COMPARISON OF DISTRIBUTION & TRANSMISSION LINES



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230 KV MINIMUM CLEARANCE OF CONDUCTOR

Over Farmland/Highway

Over High load Corridors

Over Railways

8.1 metres (26.6 feet)

11.25 metres (36.9 feet)

9.3 metres (30.5 feet)

TYPICAL 230 KV RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH

H-Frame Standard Width

40 metres (131.2 feet)



PROJECT STUDY AREA

City of Moose Jaw

City of Regina





EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY



PLAN VIEW



POTENTIAL ROUTE CORRIDORS (300m CORRIDORS)

	NORTH 1A - 28-4km
1	NORTH 18 - 28.4km
	HORTH 24 - 27.9km
	NORTH 3A - 28.1km
	HORTH 38 - 28.1km
1	SOUTH 14 - 29.7mm
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L	DIADONAL - 23.25m
	R1P EXISTING ROW (60m CORRIDOR) - 45.3mm
	RIP NOW TO PASQUA - 1.2km
	CROSSOVER LOCATIONS
F	RIP AND P2C TIE-IN AREA
C	RIP TO P4C - SOOM CORRIDOR



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POTENTIAL ROUTE OPTIONS





ROUTE COMPARISONS – PROXIMITY TO RESIDENCES

Route Alternative	Residences within 300 m	Residences within 160 m	Residences within 60 m
North 1A	2	1	0
North 1B	2	1	0
North 2A	3	2	0
North 3A	3	3	0
North 3B	3	3	0
South 1A	3	1	0
South 1B	2	1	0



ROUTE COMPARISONS – LINE LENGTH & LAND USE

Route Alternative	Total Length (km)	Percentage on boundary lines
North 1A	28.4	36%
North 1B	28.4	58%
North 2A	27.9	54%
North 3A	28.1	82%
North 3B	28.1	82%
South 1A	29.7	64%
South 1B	29.3	63%



ROUTE COMPARISONS – ESTIMATED COSTS

Route Alternative	Estimated Cost (Capital Costs Only)
North 1A	1.6%*
North 1B	1.6%*
North 2A	Lowest Cost
North 3A	0.6%*
North 3B	0.6%*
South 1A	5.6%*
South 1B	4.4%*

*Percentage premium over lowest cost option

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION



