

# WATER SECURITY AGENCY INTERCONNECTION PROJECT

May 2025

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

We're building new power lines to support Water Security Agency's (WSA) operations at Lake Diefenbaker. WSA needs power service for a new west pumping station on the north side the Lake. They also need an upgrade to their power service at their existing east pumping station. To support this growth in operations and ensure that irrigation season is not disrupted, we'll build the new lines in two phases:

1. We'll replace the existing 72-kilovolt (kV) power line from our Coteau Creek Switching Station to WSA's east pumping station with a new 138kV power line. This new line will follow our existing right-of-way (ROW). We expect the new line to be completed by spring of 2027.
2. We'll build a new 138kV power line from our Coteau Creek Switching Station to WSA's west pumping site. This line will require a new ROW. This second phase is expected to be completed by winter of 2027.

When completed, the new infrastructure will allow for future expansion and improve WSA's service in the area.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

We're committed to providing reliable and affordable power to our customers and the communities we serve. This means building new infrastructure and upgrading it as needed. It also means that we'll need land to build those new power facilities. We recognize the contributions of, and impacts to,



Rightsholders, landowners, and other stakeholders as we build across the province. Throughout the project, we'll provide opportunities for Rightsholders and stakeholders to engage with us and provide input on how we could reduce impacts.

## YOUR FEEDBACK IS REQUESTED

Your input is important as we plan the new power lines.

From our initial assessment, we've developed a routing corridor where the new lines will be built. We'd like to hear your thoughts on this, plus:

- who else we should be talking to about these new power lines;
- potential impacts we should be aware of and how we can reduce them;
- the environment and wildlife;
- existing and future local infrastructure in the project areas; and
- concerns and questions you might have.



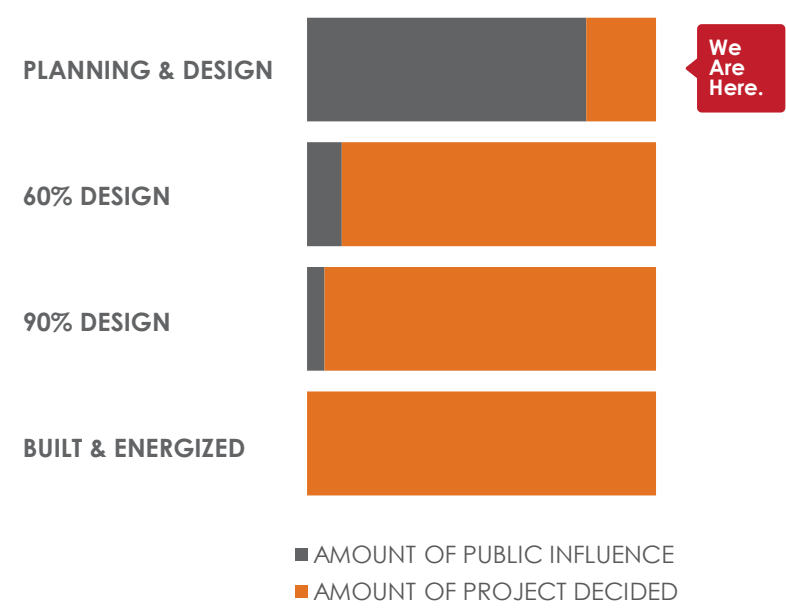
# WORKING TOGETHER TO PLAN AND DESIGN THE NEW LINES

Please see the included map showing the new lines routing corridor. Currently, we have a routing corridor that's about 600 to 300-metre in width to allow room for planning purposes. Eventually, this will be reduced to a 30-metre right-of-way where the power lines will be built.

We'll use the feedback from you, combined with our routing considerations, to plan structure placement and design the new power line. We'll discuss this process with directly impacted landowners for their comments on where structures will be placed. We'll also look at any possible accommodations that could be made to address your concerns.

# YOUR INFLUENCE ON DECISIONS

Getting involved early means your thoughts can be included before decisions are made. As time goes on, there is less flexibility for us to work with feedback.



## WHAT'S NEXT

Our goal is to involve you early and maintain open communication throughout the process. We're currently engaging with rural municipalities, landowners, and other stakeholders for their feedback. Call 1-833-223-3370 or email [PublicEngagement@saskpower.com](mailto:PublicEngagement@saskpower.com) to share your comments with us.

## WHAT ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?

What we do today impacts our future. We're always working hard to reduce our impact and protect the environment.

As we plan projects, we use tools like databases, satellite imagery and field surveys to understand the environment we are working in.

As projects move forward, we'll make sure environmental protection standards are in place to reduce our impact on features like:

- Water bodies
- Sensitive lands
- Wildlife and their habitats
- Heritage resources

We also work with the Ministry of Environment and other regulatory agencies to ensure we meet all environmental requirements.

## WHAT ABOUT LAND RIGHTS?

Landowners play a major role in bringing power to our homes and businesses. If the power line ends up on your land, we'll work with you to secure an easement. That's an agreement between SaskPower and the landowner for a right-of-way. When we get to this state, SaskPower's Land Specialist will contact landowners to discuss compensation for land directly impacted by the right-of-way.

The right-of-way is needed to ensure safety for constructions, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line. It is important to ensure proper clearance is maintained around our power lines.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

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| • Initial consultation:           | Underway    |
| • Follow-up consultation:         | TBD         |
| • Engineering/design complete:    | TBD         |
| • Easement/permitting complete:   | TBD         |
| • Construction start:             | TBD         |
| • Construction complete/power up: | Winter 2027 |

## THINGS WE CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A PROJECT



### INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE:

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.



### ENVIRONMENT:

We consider our potential impacts on many environmental aspects like designated lands, land cover, and heritage resources, as well as on sensitive plants, animals, and their habitats. When it's not possible to avoid these environmental features, we'll work with Rightsholders, stakeholders, and regulators to find the most responsible way to mitigate impacts. We follow SaskPower's Environmental Beneficial Management Practices.



### LAND 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.



### SOCIAL:

We consider the social value communities place on landscapes, points of interest, economic benefits to local communities, job opportunities and recreation activities.



### 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.



### COST:

We consider capital costs (project budget), operating budget (long term maintenance), land acquisition costs and impact on power rates.



### WHAT ARE WE MISSING?

Tell us in the feedback form provided.