



Nalcor Energy receives federal release from environmental assessment for Labrador-Island Transmission Link

November 26, 2013, St. John's, NL – Today Nalcor Energy was advised that the Government of Canada has released the Labrador-Island Transmission Link from environmental assessment. Nalcor is currently reviewing the federal government's response.

"The environmental assessment process for the transmission project has included years of extensive research and consultation," said Gilbert Bennett, Vice President, Nalcor Energy – Lower Churchill Project. "We're pleased to be moving forward and will continue to engage with residents and stakeholders across the province during construction."

The approximately 1,100km Labrador-Island Transmission Link will deliver electricity produced at the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric generating facility to the island of Newfoundland. The High Voltage direct current (HVdc) system is the first of its kind in the province, and includes 400km of transmission line in Labrador, with 700km on the island, as well as 35km of underwater cable that will cross the Strait of Belle Isle from Forteau, Labrador, to Shoal Cove, on the island.

The review process for the transmission project was initiated in January 2009, when Nalcor registered the project with provincial and federal environmental regulatory agencies. Nalcor has conducted extensive environmental studies, including significant consultation with Aboriginal, regulatory and public stakeholders, to identify and mitigate potential environmental impacts of the transmission project.

Federal release of the Labrador-Island Transmission Link from this process represents the conclusion of the environmental assessment process for the Lower Churchill Project. The transmission project was released from environmental assessment by the provincial government in June 2013. The generation project also underwent an environmental assessment and was released in March 2012.

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**Nalcor Energy receives provincial release from Environmental Assessment for
Labrador-Island Transmission Link**

June 21, 2013, St. John's, NL – Today, Nalcor Energy received release from environmental assessment for the Labrador-Island Transmission Link from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. The company is currently reviewing government's responses.

"This is a significant step forward for the Lower Churchill Project," said Gilbert Bennett, Vice President, Nalcor Energy - Lower Churchill Project. "We're pleased that the provincial government has accepted the analysis and mitigation measures provided for the transmission project, and validated years of research and consultation completed throughout the environmental assessment process. We will incorporate the conditions required as part of the project's release as we move forward."

The 1,100 km Labrador-Island Link will deliver electricity produced at the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric generating facility to the island of Newfoundland.

The review process for the transmission project was initiated in January 2009, when Nalcor registered the project with the Newfoundland and Labrador and Canadian environmental regulatory bodies. Since that time, Nalcor has conducted extensive environmental studies to help identify and mitigate potential environmental impacts of the transmission project, including significant consultation with Aboriginal, regulatory and public stakeholders to address environmental concerns.

Nalcor looks forward to the next step in the federal environmental assessment process – the release of the comprehensive study report for the transmission project.

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**About the Labrador-Island Transmission Link**

The Labrador-Island Transmission Link will deliver electricity produced at the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric generating facility to the island of Newfoundland. It will be a High Voltage direct current (HVdc) system and will be 1,100 km long, running from central Labrador, crossing the Strait of Belle Isle via underwater cables, and extending to Soldier's Pond on Newfoundland's Avalon Peninsula.

Once constructed, it will be one of the most robust transmission systems in the province, engineered to withstand harsh environmental and weather conditions experienced in Newfoundland and Labrador.

For more information about the Labrador-Island Link and the Muskrat Falls Project, visit www.muskratfalls.nalcorenergy.com