



Nalcor Energy

Analysis of Potential Management Reserve and Lender's Owner Contingency for the Lower Churchill Project

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Summary Findings

• Scope / Definition, Estimate and Contingency

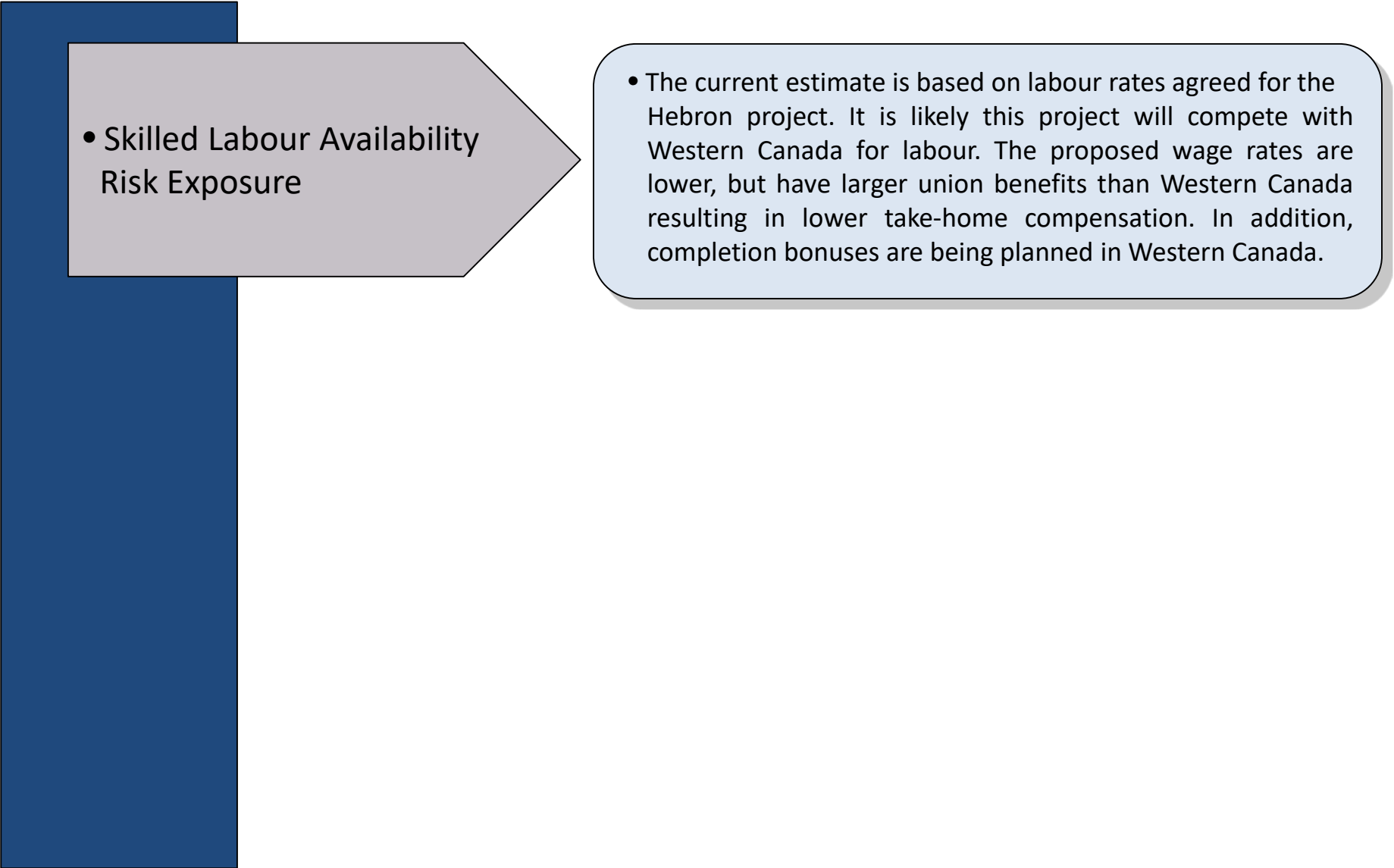
- The scope of the project used for estimating represents design development and information availability consistent with the requirements of a project sanction estimate. The estimating process, quantification, productivity and price development are also project sanction consistent. The calculated estimating contingency of 6.7 % is appropriate for the estimating information. The estimate is achievable if the project can be executed according to plan

• Schedule Risk Exposure

- There is potential time or schedule risk exposure beyond the plan, due to the weather and the volume of work in the powerhouse. The current schedule assumes aggressive performance in powerhouse concrete, and a few sections of the transmission line are challenging.

• Performance Risk Exposure

- The performance rates, estimating norms, or productivity used in the estimate including contingency are significantly better than the worst cases currently being experienced in Canada; some of which are in Newfoundland / Labrador. Experienced front-line supervision, a key to performance, is now a world market and will likely experience high demand during this project.



• Skilled Labour Availability Risk Exposure

- The current estimate is based on labour rates agreed for the Hebron project. It is likely this project will compete with Western Canada for labour. The proposed wage rates are lower, but have larger union benefits than Western Canada resulting in lower take-home compensation. In addition, completion bonuses are being planned in Western Canada.

Conclusions

The Lower Churchill Project, if sanctioned late Q3 2012, should be slightly ahead of a planned high volume construction activity in Canada / North America. It is also primarily a construction project with minimal engineering and procurement required prior to effective start. A timely start and quick work ramp-up could mitigate risk exposure.

The sheer size of the project and volume of work are in and of themselves a strategic risk exposure with respect to the availability of the skills required.

The current schedule is aggressive, given the northern location and the sustained concrete placement production rates required.

Construction productivity has been on a steady decline for twenty-five years. A key element of this is the availability of front line supervision. This project likely has significant performance risk exposure. On the positive side, there has been significant effort to secure a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) that will minimize exposure to labor excesses. While negotiation is not complete, positive concepts like "work teams" have been accepted.

Potential Strategic Risk Exposure and Risk Adjusted Capital Costs (2012 Cdn\$)

Expected Cost **excl.** Strategic Risk Exposure: \$5,841 MM

Estimate	\$5,473 MM
Estimating Contingency	\$368 MM
Expected	\$5,841 MM

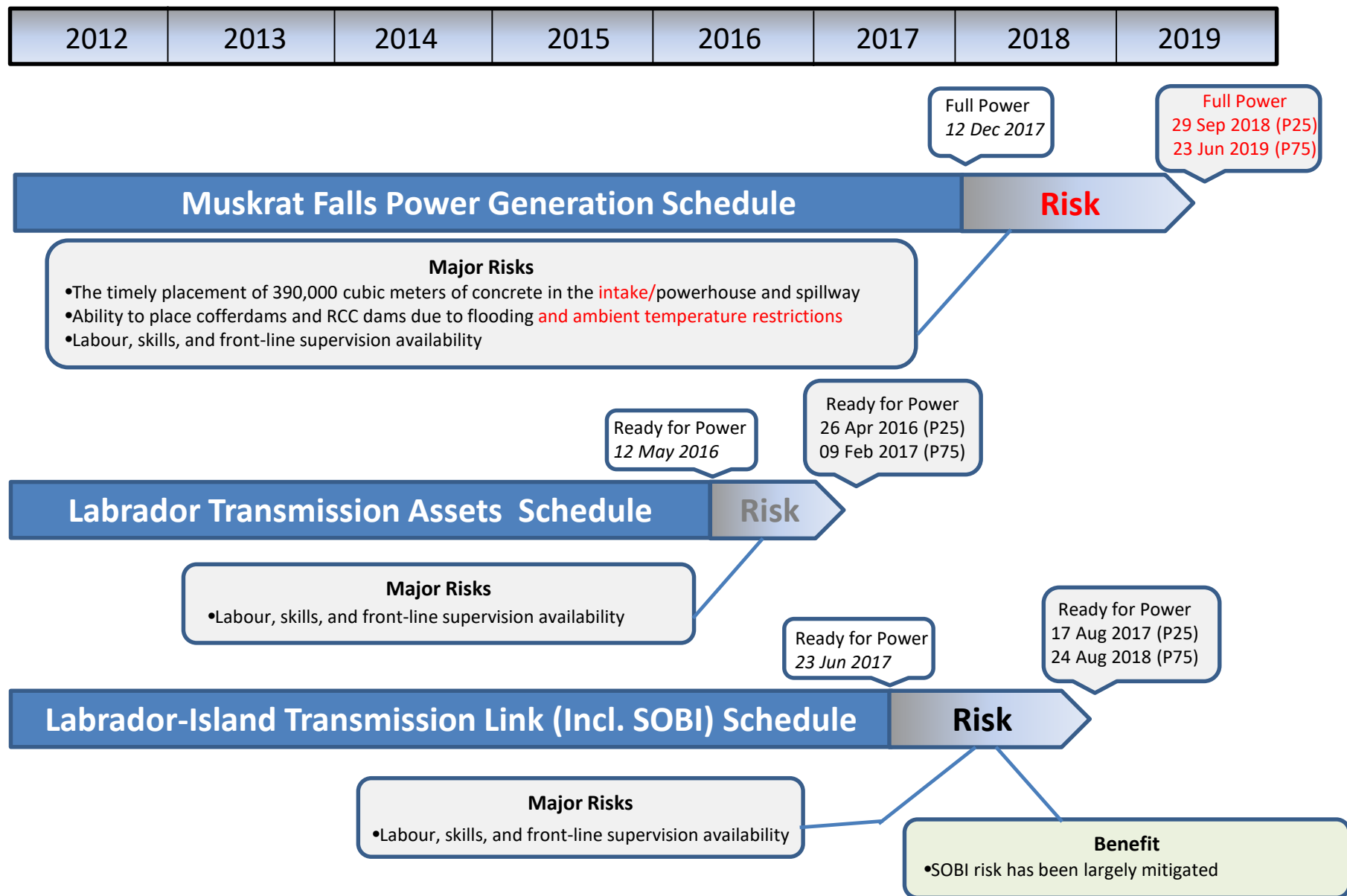
Strategic Risk Exposure (Mean Impacts of Risks)	Potential Impact (Millions)
≈ Potential Schedule Risk – Time Extension	\$184
≈ Potential Performance Risk – Productivity	\$161
≈ Potential Skilled Labour – Completion Bonus	\$82
≈ <u>Potential Skilled Labour – Wage Rate</u>	<u>\$70</u>
Total of Mean Values:	\$497

Risk Exposure Adjusted Capital Cost
From Monte Carlo Simulation



(P25 to P75) = \$5,946 MM - \$6,737 MM

Risk Adjusted Schedule



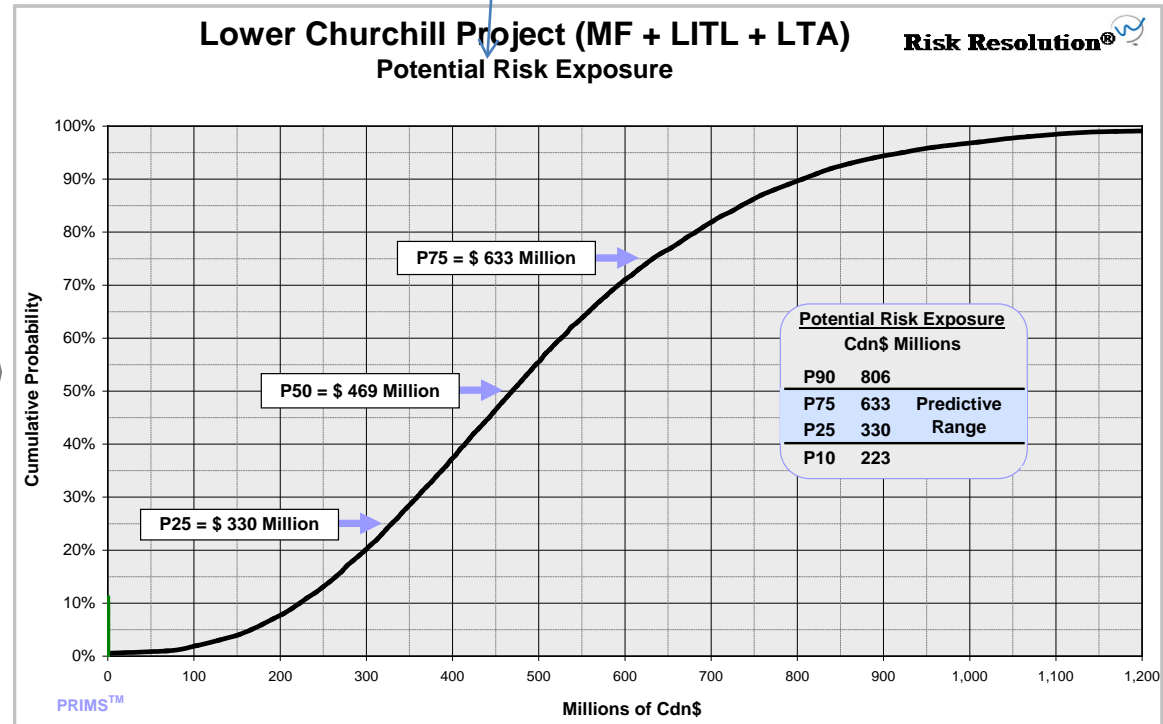
Supporting Materials

Potential Strategic Risk Exposure

The Predictive Range (P25 – P75) for the potential Strategic Risk Exposure beyond the Estimate Contingency is \$330 MM - \$633 MM. These results are mostly influenced by:

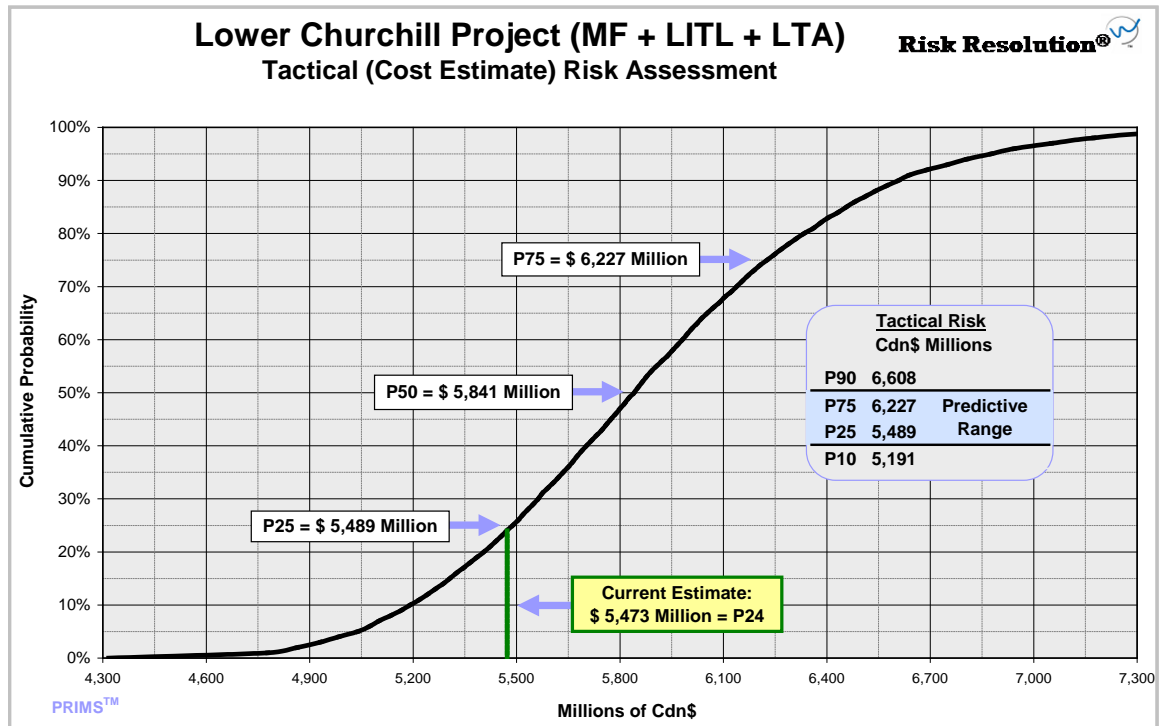
- *Schedule Risk – Time Extension*
- *Performance Risk – Productivity*

Strategic



Tactical Risk Assessment Results from the LCP Estimate Accuracy Analysis

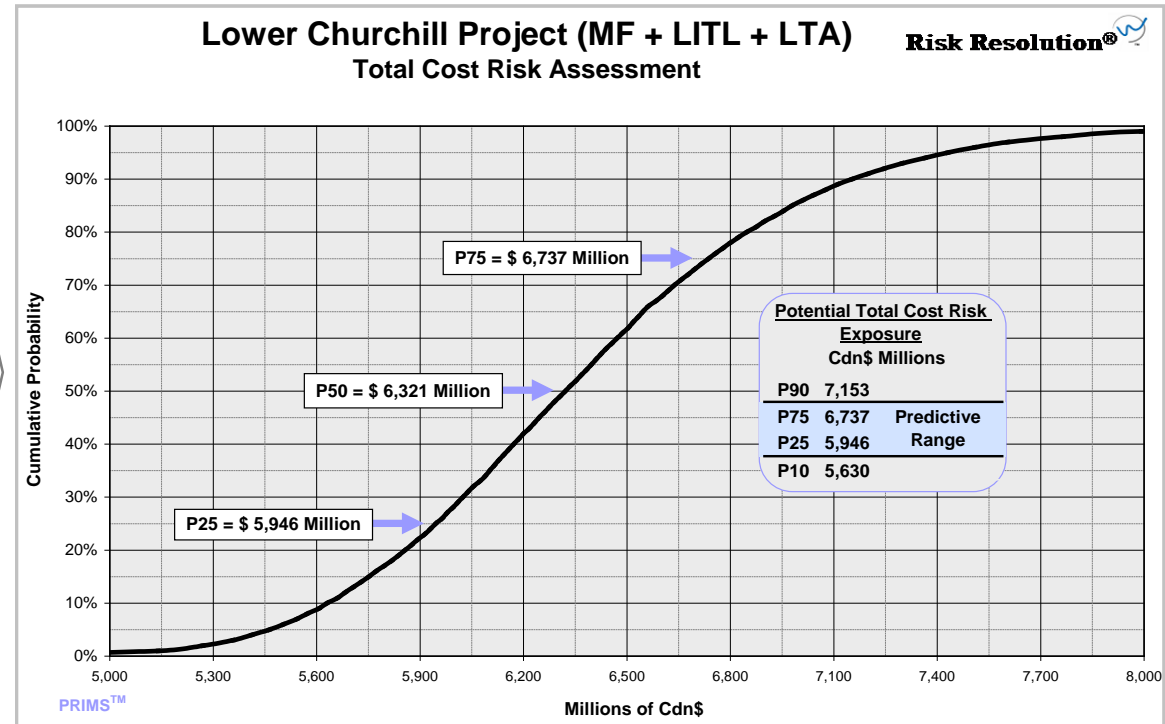
The Predictive Range (P25 – P75) of the Tactical Risk Assessment for the Lower Churchill Project is \$5,489 MM - \$6,227 MM. At a P50 value, the project contingency would be \$368 million (\$5,841 million minus \$5,473 million), which equates to 7% of the estimate.



Total Cost Risk Exposure

The Predictive Range (P25 – P75) of the Total Cost Risk Assessment for the Lower Churchill Project is \$5,946 MM - \$6,737 MM. These results reflect the full impact of both the Tactical Risk Assessment and the potential Strategic Risk Exposure.

Please note that, due to the nature of probabilistic analyses, the Tactical Risk Assessment results and the potential Strategic Risk Exposure are not directly additive to the Total Cost Risk Exposure.



Potential Strategic Risk Exposure

Description

Availability of Skilled Labour

Impact

Unmitigated
(millions)

Mitigated
(millions)

Cost of Mitigation
(millions)

- Payment of Completion Bonuses – It is known the Western Canada projects are planning to pay completion bonuses of \$10 per work-hour. Assuming not all workers would achieve the required hours, \$8 is used for impact calculation purposes.

Project Completion
Bonus

\$ 50 M
to
\$ 120 M

- Wage Rate – The Hebron wage rates used in the estimate are roughly \$5 per hour to the person less than the Western Canada rates. The mining projects in the west of the province are currently paying Alberta rates.

Pay Alberta / BC
wage rates

\$ 0 M
to
\$ 150 M

Potential Strategic Risk Exposure

Description	Impact	Unmitigated (millions)	Mitigated (millions)	Cost of Mitigation (millions)
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Performance

- Productivity – The Long Harbour and western Province projects are experiencing poor productivity and some jurisdictional problems. The weather is problematic at this site, compounding the productivity issue.

More work-hours than estimated required to complete the work

\$ 0 M
to
\$ 350 M

Potential Strategic Risk Exposure

Description	Impact	Unmitigated (millions)	Mitigated (millions)	Cost of Mitigation (millions)
<i>Schedule / Time Risk</i>				

- Schedule Extension – If weather, logistics, and / or productivity reduce the production rates required to meet the current schedule, a time extension will be the most economical solution to the issue due to the labour concerns in recovery or acceleration scenarios.

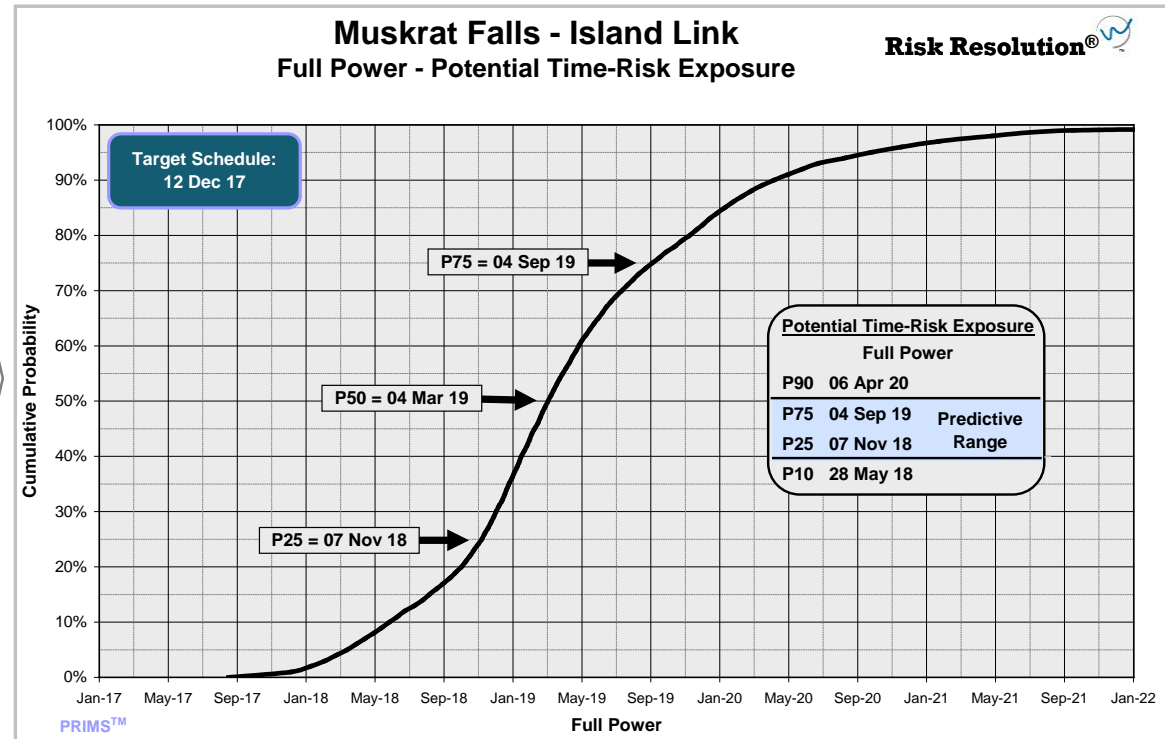
Time Extension

\$ 0 M
to
\$ 400 M

Risk Adjusted Schedule Suggests Potential for an 11 to 21 Month Delay for Full Power

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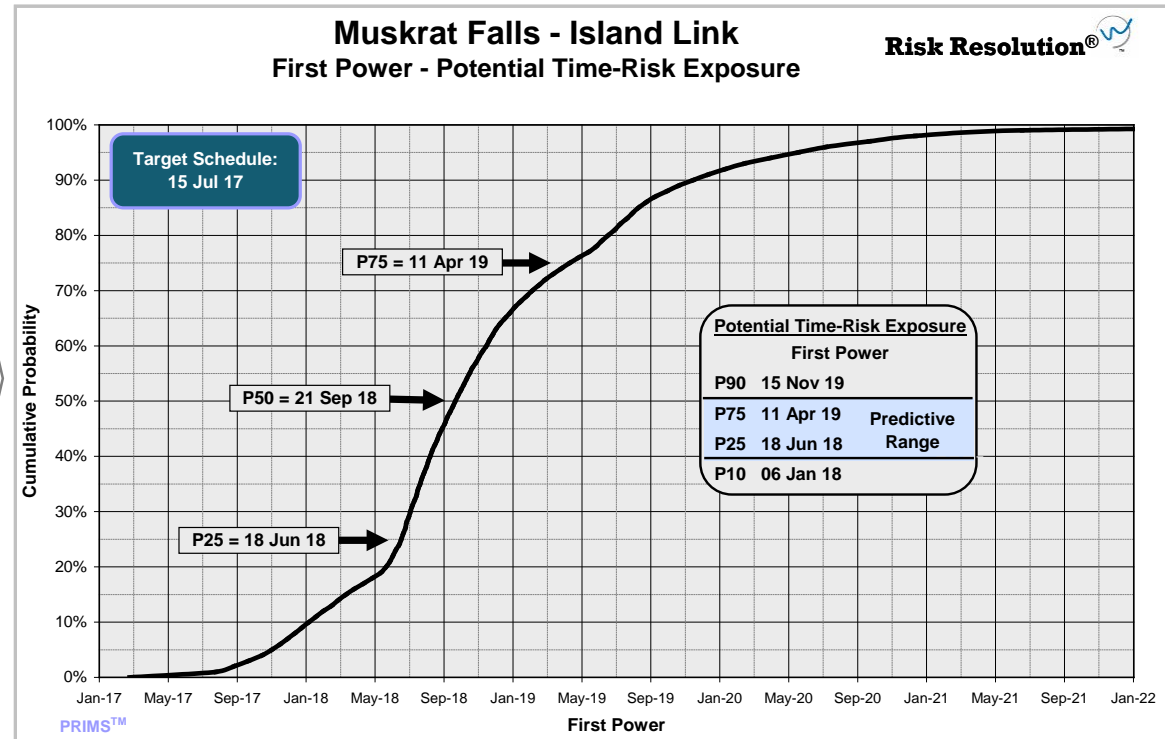
- *timely placement of concrete in powerhouse*
- *ability to place cofferdams and RCC dams while avoiding flooding*
- *availability of labour, skills, and front-line supervision*
- *weather windows*



Risk Adjusted Schedule Suggests Potential for an 11 to 21 Month Delay for First Power

Results are still largely driven by timing of Muskrat Falls Generation Facility. Major risks for facility are:

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- *availability of labour, skills, and front-line supervision*
- *weather windows*

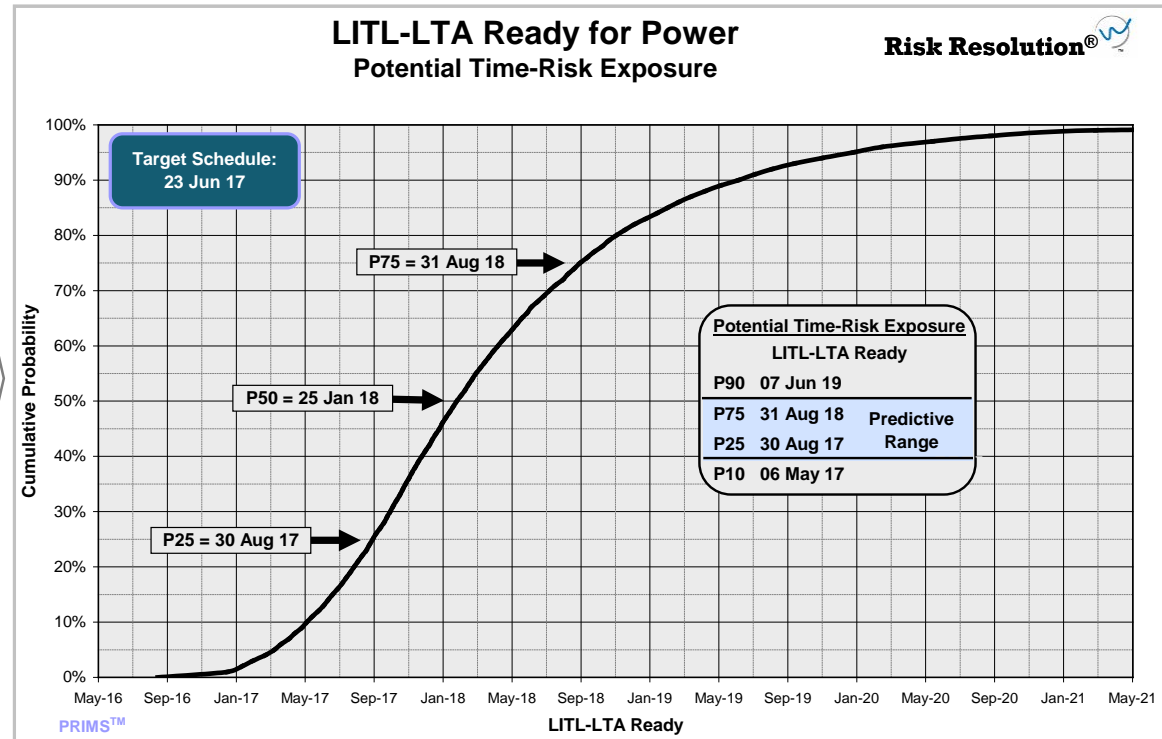


Risk Adjusted Schedule Suggests Potential for a 2 to 14 Month Delay for Transmission Capability

Results are driven by timing of Labrador – Island Transmission Link (including SOBI Crossing). Major risks for transmission capability are:

- availability of labour, skills, and front-line supervision
- weather windows

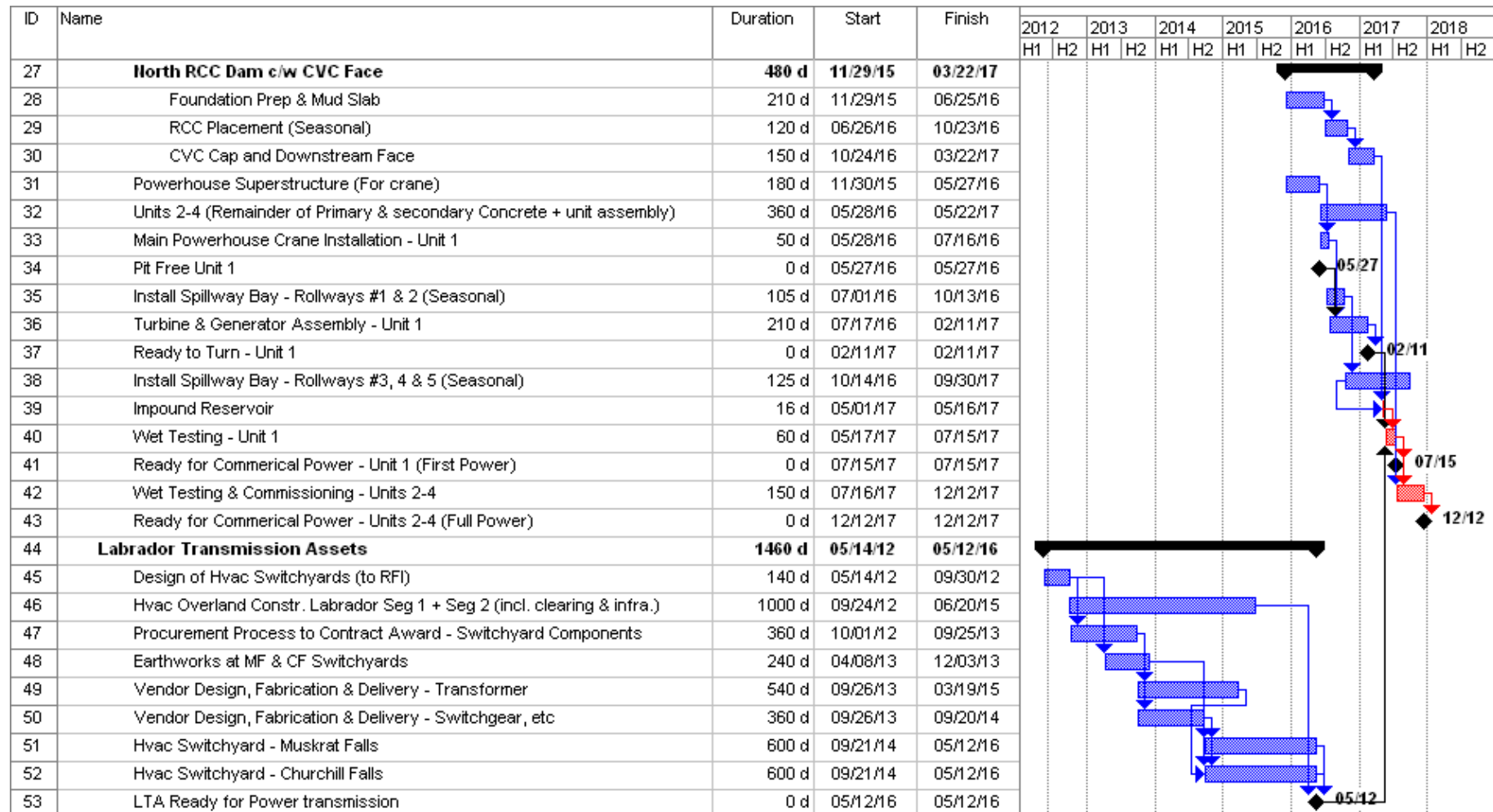
Note: Key risks associated with SOBI Crossing have been largely mitigated.



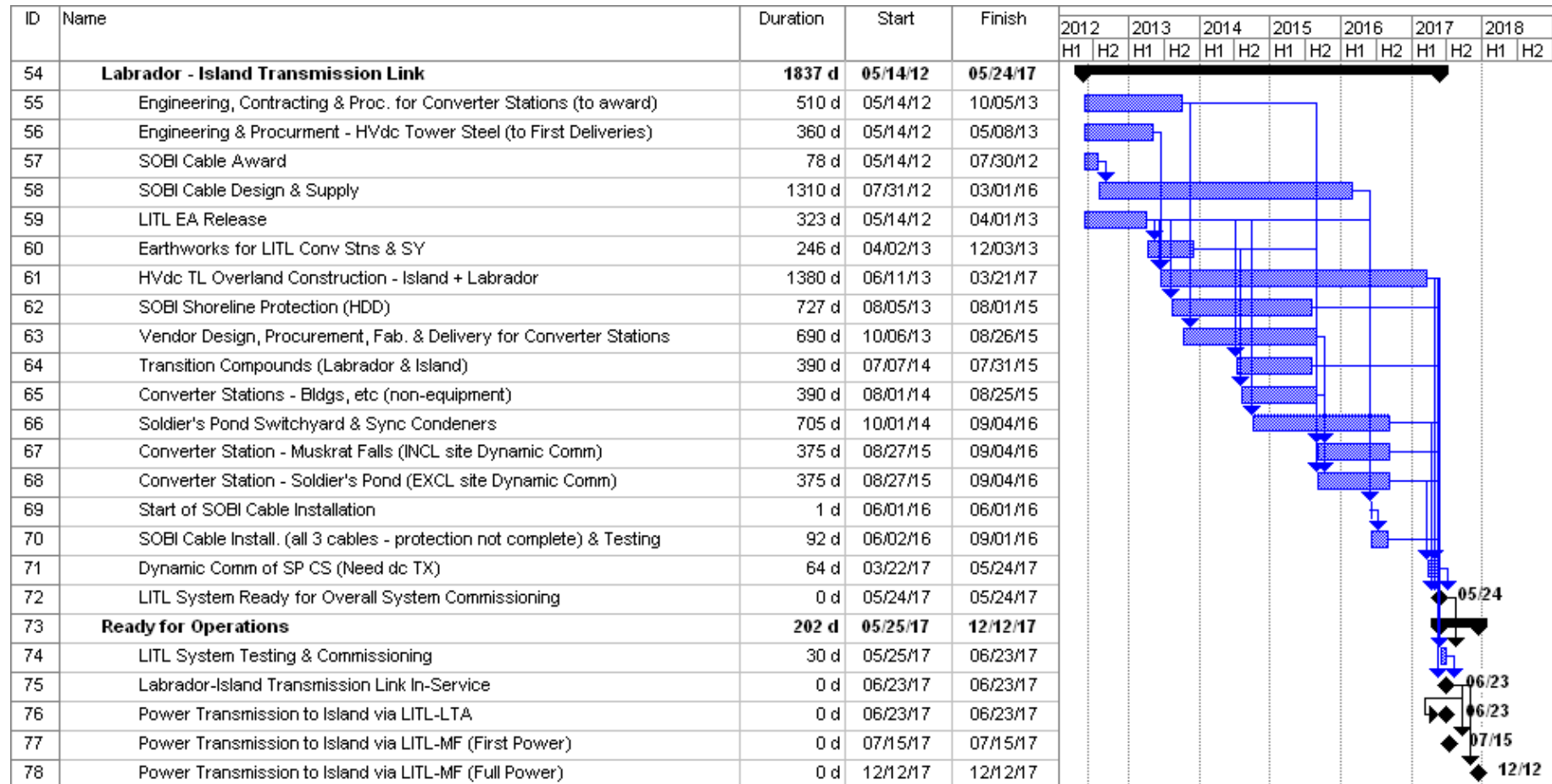
Time-risk Model

ID	Name	Duration	Start	Finish	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
					H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2	H1
0	Nalcor Energy - Lower Churchill Project - May 2012	2039 d	05/14/12	12/12/17							
1	Management	131 d	05/14/12	09/21/12							
2	Project Sanction	131 d	05/14/12	09/21/12							
3	Muskrat Falls	2039 d	05/14/12	12/12/17							
4	Southside Access Road (to PH)	142 d	06/01/12	10/20/12							
5	Contract Award for Accomodations Complex	58 d	05/14/12	07/10/12							
6	Manufacturing/Delivery Starter Accomodations	47 d	07/11/12	08/26/12							
7	FE Analysis & PH Reinforcing Design (Prelim)	80 d	05/14/12	08/01/12							
8	Contracting for Main Civil (CH0007) - from RFI	313 d	08/02/12	06/10/13							
9	Selection of Preferred TG Bidder (CH0030)	94 d	05/14/12	08/15/12							
10	Update CATIA & FE Analysis, Complete Reinforcing Design	180 d	08/16/12	02/11/13							
11	Accomodations & Utilities - Starter Camp (150 Person)	110 d	08/30/12	12/17/12							
12	Award Contract for Bulk Excavation (CH006)	131 d	05/14/12	09/21/12							
13	T/Gs - Design & Fabrication	600 d	10/14/12	06/05/14							
14	Construction Power (Post Road Construction)	35 d	10/21/12	11/24/12							
15	Bulk Excavation - Powerhouse & Related Structures	385 d	11/20/12	12/09/13							
16	Bulk Excavation - Spillway & Prep Foundation for Riverside Cofferdam	299 d	11/20/12	09/14/13							
17	Accomodations & Utilities (Manuf/Del/Inst/comm) - Ph 2 (Complete)	250 d	12/18/12	08/24/13							
18	Riverside (RCC) Cofferdam to El 16m (Seasonal)	30 d	09/15/13	10/14/13							
19	Spillway Structure/concreting	330 d	09/15/13	08/10/14							
20	North Spur (Pre-Headpond)	550 d	10/24/13	04/26/15							
21	Concreting & Embedments - Service Bay & Unit 1	900 d	12/10/13	05/27/16							
22	T/Gs - Manufacturing & Delivery - Unit 1	480 d	06/06/14	09/28/15							
23	Spillway Hydromechanical	315 d	08/11/14	06/21/15							
24	North Spur (Completion)	120 d	04/27/15	08/24/15							
25	Start of Upstream Main Cofferdam (Seasonal)	1 d	07/01/15	07/01/15							
26	Upstream Main Cofferdam (Seasonal)	150 d	07/02/15	11/28/15							

Time-risk Model (cont.)



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Lower Churchill Project Time-Risk Assessment Ranging Sheet						
Time-Risk Model					Task Duration	
ID	Task Description	Duration	Start	Finish	Best	Worst
01	Management	131 d	14-May-12	21-Sep-12		
02	Project Sanction	131 d	14-May-12	21-Sep-12	131	191
03	Muskrat Falls	2039 d	14-May-12	12-Dec-17		
04	Southside Access Road (to PH)	142 d	1-Jun-12	20-Oct-12	135	172
05	Contract Award for Accomodations Complex	58 d	14-May-12	10-Jul-12	118	178
06	Manufacturing/Delivery Starter Accomodations	47 d	11-Jul-12	26-Aug-12	40	61
07	FE Analysis & PH Reinforcing Design (Prelim)	80 d	14-May-12	1-Aug-12		
08	Contracting for Main Civil (CH0007) - from RFI	313 d	2-Aug-12	10-Jun-13	313	403
09	Selection of Preferred TG Bidder (CH0030)	94 d	14-May-12	15-Aug-12	87	120
10	Update CATIA & FE Analysis, Complete Reinforcing Design	180 d	16-Aug-12	11-Feb-13	150	220
11	Accomodations & Utilities - Starter Camp (150 Person)	110 d	30-Aug-12	17-Dec-12	89	150
12	Award Contract for Bulk Excavation (CH006)	131 d	14-May-12	21-Sep-12	116	161
13	T/Gs - Design & Fabrication	600 d	14-Oct-12	5-Jun-14	480	660
14	Construction Power (Post Road Construction)	35 d	21-Oct-12	24-Nov-12	28	42
15	Bulk Excavation - Powerhouse & Related Structures	385 d	20-Nov-12	9-Dec-13	325	475
16	Bulk Excavation - Spillway & Prep Foundation for Riverside Cofferdam	299 d	20-Nov-12	14-Sep-13	269	389
17	Accomodations & Utilities (Manuf/Del/Inst/comm) - Ph 2 (Complete)	250 d	18-Dec-12	24-Aug-13	220	320
18	Riverside (RCC) Cofferdam to EI 16m (Seasonal)	30 d	15-Sep-13	14-Oct-13	25	40
19	Spillway Structure/concreting	330 d	15-Sep-13	10-Aug-14	285	450
20	North Spur (Pre-Headpond)	550 d	24-Oct-13	26-Apr-15	490	640
21	Concreting & Embedments - Service Bay & Unit 1	900 d	10-Dec-13	27-May-16	810	1,300
22	T/Gs - Manufacturing & Delivery - Unit 1	480 d	6-Jun-14	28-Sep-15	420	540
23	Spillway Hydromechanical	315 d	11-Aug-14	21-Jun-15	270	360
24	North Spur (Completion)	120 d	27-Apr-15	24-Aug-15	105	150

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ID	Task Description	Duration	Start	Finish	Best	Worst
25	Start of Upstream Main Cofferdam (Seasonal)	1 d	1-Jul-15	1-Jul-15		
26	Upstream Main Cofferdam (Seasonal)	150 d	2-Jul-15	28-Nov-15	100	150
27	North RCC Dam c/w CVC Face	480 d	29-Nov-15	22-Mar-17		
28	Foundation Prep & Mud Slab	210 d	29-Nov-15	25-Jun-16	180	240
29	RCC Placement (Seasonal)	120 d	26-Jun-16	23-Oct-16	90	150
30	CVC Cap and Downstream Face	150 d	24-Oct-16	22-Mar-17	60	180
31	Powerhouse Superstructure (For crane)	180 d	30-Nov-15	27-May-16	150	210
32	Units 2-4 (Remainder of Primary & secondary Concrete + unit assembly)	360 d	28-May-16	22-May-17	330	420
33	Main Powerhouse Crane Installation - Unit 1	50 d	28-May-16	16-Jul-16	43	57
34	Pit Free Unit 1	0 d	27-May-16	27-May-16		
35	Install Spillway Bay - Rollways #1 & 2 (Seasonal)	105 d	1-Jul-16	13-Oct-16	90	135
36	Turbine & Generator Assembly - Unit 1	210 d	17-Jul-16	11-Feb-17	165	255
37	Ready to Turn - Unit 1	0 d	11-Feb-17	11-Feb-17		
38	Install Spillway Bay - Rollways #3, 4 & 5 (Seasonal)	125 d	14-Oct-16	30-Sep-17	110	170
39	Impound Reservoir	16 d	1-May-17	16-May-17	9	23
40	Wet Testing - Unit 1	60 d	17-May-17	15-Jul-17	30	90
41	Ready for Commerical Power - Unit 1 (First Power)	0 d	15-Jul-17	15-Jul-17		
42	Wet Testing & Commissioning - Units 2-4	150 d	16-Jul-17	12-Dec-17	120	210
43	Ready for Commerical Power - Units 2-4 (Full Power)	0 d	12-Dec-17	12-Dec-17		

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ID	Task Description	Duration	Start	Finish	Best	Worst
44	Labrador Transmission Assets	1460 d	14-May-12	12-May-16		
45	Design of Hvac Switchyards (to RFI)	140 d	14-May-12	30-Sep-12	140	200
46	Hvac Overland Construction Labrador Seg 1 + Seg 2 (Incl Clearing & infrastruc	1000 d	24-Sep-12	20-Jun-15	960	1,100
47	Procurement Process to Contract Award - Switchyard Components	360 d	1-Oct-12	25-Sep-13	300	420
48	Earthworks at MF & CF Switchyards	240 d	8-Apr-13	3-Dec-13	150	270
49	Vendor Design, Fabrication & Delivery - Transformer	540 d	26-Sep-13	19-Mar-15	390	720
50	Vendor Design, Fabrication & Delivery - Switchgear, etc	360 d	26-Sep-13	20-Sep-14	300	450
51	Hvac Switchyard - Muskrat Falls	600 d	21-Sep-14	12-May-16	420	690
52	Hvac Switchyard - Churchill Falls	600 d	21-Sep-14	12-May-16	420	690
53	LTA Ready for Power transmission	0 d	12-May-16	12-May-16		

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54	Labrador - Island Transmission Link	1837 d	14-May-12	24-May-17		
55	Engineering, Contracting & Procurement for Converter Stations (to award)	510 d	14-May-12	5-Oct-13	330	600
56	Engineering & Procurement - HVdc Tower Steel (to First Deliveries)	360 d	14-May-12	8-May-13	300	480
57	SOBI Cable Award	78 d	14-May-12	30-Jul-12	18	138
58	SOBI Cable Design & Supply	1310 d	31-Jul-12	1-Mar-16	1,160	1,370
59	LITL EA Release	323 d	14-May-12	1-Apr-13	293	413
60	Earthworks for LITL Conv Stns & SY	246 d	2-Apr-13	3-Dec-13	186	306
61	HVdc TL Overland Construction - Island + Labrador	1380 d	11-Jun-13	21-Mar-17	1,200	1,745
62	SOBI Shoreline Protection (HDD)	727 d	5-Aug-13	1-Aug-15	667	907
63	Vendor Design, Procurement, Fabrication & Delivery for Converter Stations	690 d	6-Oct-13	26-Aug-15	600	810
64	Transition Compounds (Labrador & Island)	390 d	7-Jul-14	31-Jul-15	330	480
65	Converter Stations - Bldgs, etc (non-equipment)	390 d	1-Aug-14	25-Aug-15	300	450
66	Soldier's Pond Switchyard & Sync Condensers	705 d	1-Oct-14	4-Sep-16	525	765
67	Converter Station - Muskrat Falls (INCL site Dynamic Comm)	375 d	27-Aug-15	4-Sep-16	315	435
68	Converter Station - Soldier's Pond (EXCL site Dynamic Comm)	375 d	27-Aug-15	4-Sep-16	315	435
69	Start of SOBI Cable Installation	1 d	1-Jun-16	1-Jun-16		
70	SOBI Cable Install. (all 3 cables - protection not complete) & Testing	92 d	2-Jun-16	1-Sep-16	62	137
71	Dynamic Comm of SP CS (Need dc TX)	64 d	22-Mar-17	24-May-17	54	94
72	LITL System Ready for Overall System Commissioning	0 d	24-May-17	24-May-17		
73	Ready for Operations	202 d	25-May-17	12-Dec-17		
74	LITL System Testing & Commissioning	30 d	25-May-17	23-Jun-17	20	90
75	Labrador-Island Transmission Link In-Service	0 d	23-Jun-17	23-Jun-17		
76	Power Transmission to Island via LITL-LTA	0 d	23-Jun-17	23-Jun-17		
77	Power Transmission to Island via LITL-MF (First Power)	0 d	15-Jul-17	15-Jul-17		
78	Power Transmission to Island via LITL-MF (Full Power)	0 d	12-Dec-17	12-Dec-17		

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