

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

New Transmission Line to Pickle Lake Environmental Assessment, Wataynikaneyap Power

Wataynikaneyap Power is beginning an environmental assessment under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* for the New Transmission Line to Pickle Lake Project (the Project). The proposed Project will include a 230 kV transmission line that will extend approximately 300 km to Pickle Lake, a transformer station at Pickle Lake and a connection facility at Dinorwic or Ignace.

Based on comments received on the Final Terms of Reference (ToR), particularly with respect to focusing the environmental assessment on a single corridor (Dinorwic [east of Dryden] to Pickle Lake), Wataynikaneyap elected to amend the Final ToR. The Amended ToR broadens the environmental assessment, to include the following corridors:

- the preliminary proposed corridor: Dinorwic (east of Dryden) to Pickle Lake; and
- two corridor alternatives:
 - Ignace to Pickle Lake east through the Mishkeegogamang First Nation Reserve; and
 - Ignace to Pickle Lake west around the Mishkeegogamang First Nation Reserve.

A final corridor routing evaluation will be completed based on the results of the environmental assessment to identify a preferred corridor.

The Process

In February 2015, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change approved the Amended ToR for the Project. A copy of the approved Amended ToR is available on the Wataynikaneyap Power website (www.wataypower.ca). A hard copy of the Amended ToR is also available at the following Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change office:

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
Environmental Approvals Branch
Floor 12A, 2 St. Clair Avenue
Toronto, ON

This study will be carried out according to the approved Amended ToR and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Results from this study will be documented in an environmental assessment, which will be submitted to the Ministry for review. At that time, the public, Aboriginal communities and other interested persons will be informed when and where the environmental assessment can be reviewed.

Engagement

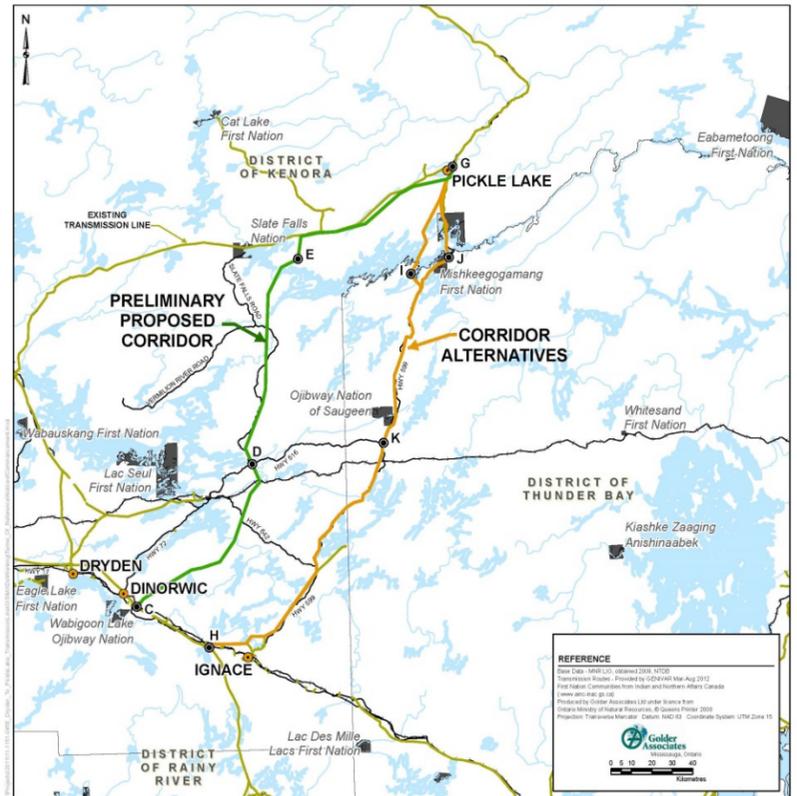
Members of the public, agencies, Aboriginal communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of this undertaking by attending engagement opportunities or contacting the staff below directly with information, comments or questions. Engagement opportunities are planned throughout the environmental assessment process and will be advertised through local newspapers, direct mailings, and on the Project website.

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