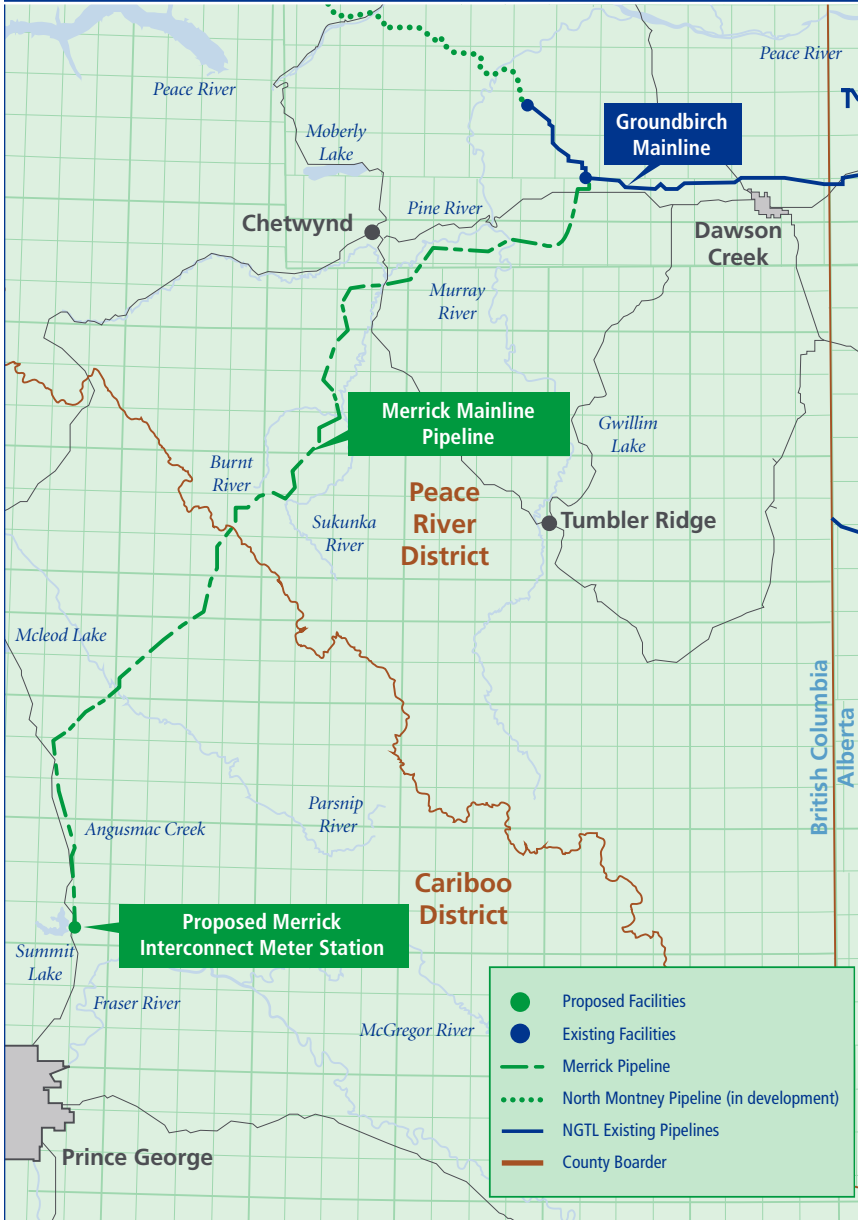
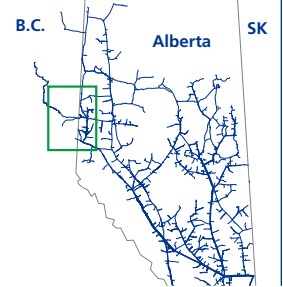


Merrick Mainline Pipeline Project



Proposed Project

TransCanada, through our subsidiary NOVA Gas Transmission Limited (NGTL),* is proposing to construct, own and operate an extension to the NGTL System in northeast British Columbia (B.C.). The proposed Merrick Mainline Pipeline Project will connect to the existing Groundbirch Mainline on the NGTL System to safely deliver sweet natural gas for B.C.'s emerging liquefied natural gas industry.

Located in the Peace River and Caribou regional districts, the pipeline will be approximately 260 kilometres (km) of 48-inch diameter pipeline and will include associated metering facilities and valve sites. The north end will connect to the Groundbirch Mainline located about 35 km west of Dawson Creek. The south end of the pipeline will terminate near Summit Lake, about 42 km north of Prince George, B.C.

Route Selection

In determining a potential route for the proposed project, TransCanada considers a number of factors including, but not limited to, safety, constructability, commercial requirements, environmental sensitivities, land use compatibility, economics, archaeological and historical sites, as well as, stakeholder and Aboriginal community input. To minimize the project's footprint, TransCanada will parallel or utilize existing linear disturbances where possible.

*NGTL is a wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada).

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Community Benefits

The proposed pipeline will offer economic benefits and strengthen the economy on a local, provincial and national level.

Employment Opportunities – Construction will require the services of equipment operators, welders, mechanics, truck drivers, labourers and more.

Business Opportunities – Pipeline construction will create demand for local goods and services including food and accommodation, hardware, industrial parts, automotive parts and servicing, fuel and more.

Annual Revenue to Support Local Services – Pipeline construction will result in tax payments to municipal, provincial and federal governments. When the pipeline is operational, annual tax payments will help support schools and hospitals, emergency services, recreation facilities, recycling programs and other local programs vital to sustaining communities.

Investments in Local Communities – Through our engagement with local communities, we will identify areas where we can help build stronger, more vibrant communities through initiatives such as job training and community partnerships in the areas of safety, community and environment.

Environmental Protection

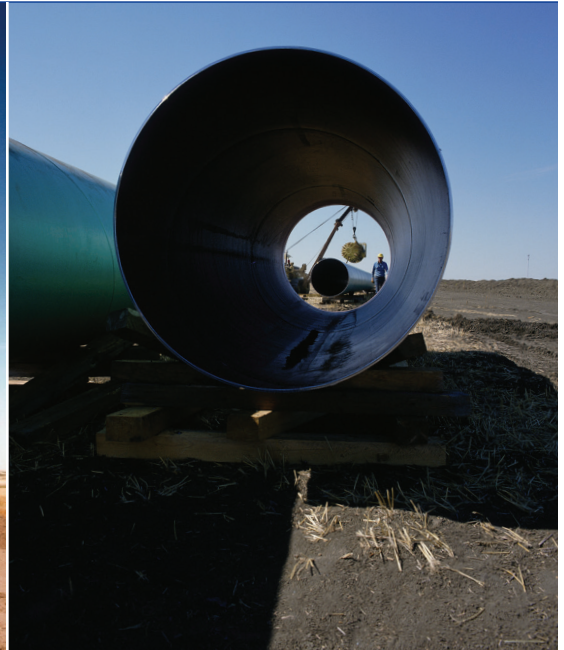
As part of the regulatory application process, TransCanada collects and analyzes site-specific environmental information to help understand the potential environmental effects of the project and develop an Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment. Specifically, the assessment will consider impacts to soil, vegetation, wildlife, historical resources, current land use, traditional land use and aquatic resources. An Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) will also be developed to identify specific measures to mitigate effects of the project during and following construction.

Aboriginal Engagement

Building and maintaining relationships with Aboriginal communities near our proposed projects and existing facilities has long been an integral part of TransCanada's business. TransCanada works with communities to identify potential effects of company activities on each community to find mutually satisfactory solutions and benefits.

Stakeholder Engagement

TransCanada is proud of the relationships we have built with our neighbours for the last 60 years. Our four core values of integrity, collaboration, responsibility and innovation are at the heart of our commitment to stakeholder engagement. These values guide us in our interactions with our stakeholders. Engaging with stakeholders means listening, providing accurate information, and responding to stakeholder interests in a prompt and consistent manner. We invite public input on our proposed project and encourage interested parties to contact us.



Building Stronger Communities

TransCanada awards contracts to qualified contractors through a competitive bid process and works with them to provide employment opportunities for local residents and local subcontractors. In addition, we are proud of the local partnerships we have formed in northeast and southeast B.C. where we currently operate, and continue to invest in community initiatives to build stronger communities.

What to Expect During Construction and Beyond

During construction, there will be an increase in traffic flow in and around the project area. TransCanada will make efforts to minimize traffic by selecting construction camp site locations close to the project. There will be heavy equipment on-site for earth moving, excavation material handling/hauling, welding and testing. After the facilities have been built, there will be minimal traffic associated with ongoing operations and maintenance. Strict adherence to construction plans and commitments in the EPP will ensure that the effects of construction activities on the local community are minimized. Construction activities typically generate a certain amount of noise. TransCanada will meet applicable limits on noise throughout construction and the ongoing operations of the project. Measures will be taken to prevent topsoil/surface material loss from wind and water erosion, topsoil and subsoil mixing, and to establish a vegetative cover that is compatible with surrounding vegetation and land use.

Once construction has been completed, the land surface will be reclaimed. On freehold lands, landowners will have the right to fully use and enjoy the right-of-way without having to notify TransCanada as long as the operation and integrity of the pipeline is not compromised. Pipeline crossings by agricultural vehicles and mobile equipment for normal agricultural purposes are allowed as long as there is no disturbance deeper than 30 centimeters.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

The proposed pipeline will be designed, built and operated in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. In the unlikely event of an emergency, our comprehensive Emergency Response Program would be activated. We train our staff to know exactly what to do in the event of an emergency - both during construction and ongoing operations and work with area emergency responders to ensure a coordinated response in the event of an incident.

In case of an emergency, please call TransCanada's 24-hour toll free number at 1.888.982.7222.

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About TransCanada

We are a Canadian company, with over 60 years of experience building and operating pipelines throughout North America. We are an industry leader in safety and reliability. We believe in making a positive difference in the lives of others by investing in our communities. TransCanada demonstrates our commitment to being a good neighbour, a strategic community partner and an employer of choice.

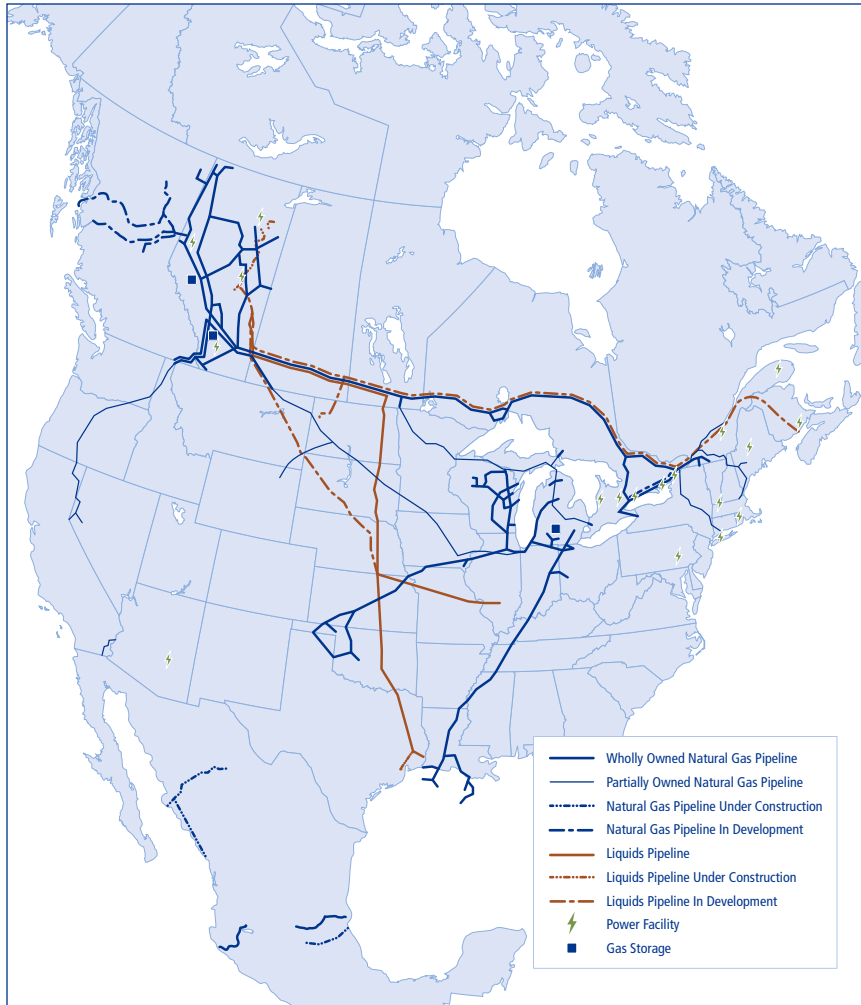
TransCanada plays a vital role in connecting energy supplies to key North American markets with \$54 billion in assets in our natural gas pipelines, energy, and oil pipelines portfolios.

We operate one of the largest natural gas transmission networks in North America – 68,500 km – tapping into virtually every major gas supply basin and transporting approximately 20 per cent of the continent's daily natural gas supply. We are North America's third largest provider of natural gas storage and related services with more than 400 billion cubic feet of storage capacity.

We own or have interests in 21 power facilities with the capacity to generate 11,800 megawatts (MW) of electricity, enough to power more than 12 million homes. One-third of the power we produce comes from emission-less sources including nuclear, hydro, wind and solar.

Our success is a reflection of our exceptional team of almost 5,500 employees who bring skill, experience, energy and dedication to the work they do every day. Our employees are an important part of the communities where we operate in seven Canadian provinces, 31 U.S. states and six states in Mexico.

You can find out more about TransCanada by visiting www.transcanada.com



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